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## MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

Some years ago a friend who worked for the "Woman's Home Companion" told me that she had to prepare copy for the December issue in July and copy for the July issue in January. Fortunately "TAG" does not need to be made up that far in advance. It is difficult enough to catch the spirit of Christmas when Thanksgiving is just around the corner, but with the inevitable delay in mails during December it is important to send "TAG" on its way to the printing house early. We are hoping that it will reach you in good time to wish all of you a merry Christmas.

By the time "TAG" goes to press, Betsy and I will have made our annual visit to the Happy Hour Club in Philadelphia, and we will have renewed acquaintance with old friends, among them Esther Williams, Paul Frith, Gertrude Robertson, Peggy Bly, and a number of others. We are hoping that Eleanor Bull will be there this year, as well as Kathryne Frick, Grace Haeseler, and the group from Torresdale--Fannie Levine, Martha and Kate Ehrline, and others. We understand that David Badger will not be there because he is enjoying the warmth of southern sunshine.

By the time that "TAG" goes to press, the Christmas rush will be upon us and we shall be frantically hunting for addresses and trying to take care of thousands of last minute details. Let us be glad that we are rushing around again this year in the same old way in a world that is still at peace.

The spectacular advances that science has made during the last few months have given us intercontinental guided missiles, Sputniks traveling around the earth as man-made satellites, prospects of conquering outer space and eventually commuting to the moon! Such rapid changes fairly take our breath away and we hope beyond hope that the power now released may be used for man's advantage and for the maintenance of peace on earth.





There is an old French proverb which says, "The more things change, the more they remain the same." Christmas remains the same today, yesterday, and tomorrow, and the spirit of Christmas brings peace to our hearts and to the hearts of all mankind.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Annette B. Dinsmore





## NEWS DIGEST

When a Madison Avenue adman wants to test an idea, he's prone to say, in his quaint patois: "Let's put it on the train and see if it gets off at Westport." Last month, Madison Avenue was in a dither over an idea which got off the train at the Federal district court in Philadelphia, Pa. The question the court considered, vitally important in these days of account switching: Who owns a spurned idea, the agency or the client? Provisionally, the court decided that the agency retained custody of orphan brain children. It all started when Warwick & Legler turned out an idea for advertising the electric shavers of its then-client, Schick. The idea, originally called the "cotton test," was to run a picture of a man who had rubbed cotton wool over his face after shaving one side with a Schick, the other with a competing shaver; the face would be whistle-clean on the Schick side, but patches of cotton would cling to unmown hairs on the other side. Schick spurned the idea and subsequently switched its account to Benton & Bowles. Warwick & Legler, meanwhile, picked up another electric-shaver client, Remington Rand, who liked the cotton-test idea. Both were understandably aghast when they saw the theme (now dubbed "cotton-pickin' test") crop up in a Schick TV commercial some two months ago. After Warwick & Legler cried "foul" and ran to court, Schick called back all scheduled ads using the idea, but was too late to halt the run in the Nov. 12 Look magazine. While Madison Avenue awaited the final outcome of the case, more than one skeptical consumer was wondering how many other shavers could pass the cotton-pickin' test.

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Alfred Vidbel, an elephant trainer for the Hamid-Morton Circus, and his wife, Joyce, a performer in the circus, were in winter quarters at Windham, New York. In their care was Siam, a 5,000-pound, thirteen-year-old female Indian elephant, owned by the circus and valued at \$12,000. On a balmy Indian summer day several weeks ago, Siam was taken down to a stream on the farm to





be watered. Some of the farm horses were there, also watering and kicking up their heels. An elephant can get into the spirit of things as fast as the next beast; in a matter of moments, Siam had kicked up her heels and disappeared into the woods. The Vidbels started after Siam immediately, but an elephant can keep up a steady pace of 25 mph through forests, and Siam was soon lost. In the ensuing days, the excitement of the elephant hunt caught the imagination of every man, woman, and child within a radius of 20 miles. Families in Schoharie and Greene Counties drove out in their cars en masse to "look for the elephant"; farmers reported seeing her "down at the bottom of the lower field, just at dusk"; rabbit hunters reported following her track. Drinkers in barrooms said she had been seen outside the doors, and lodgers in a rooming house said she had appeared only 100 feet away. Mrs. Vidbel--who, with her husband, followed up every report every day--once got within 50 feet of Siam, but the elephant paid no heed to her calls and galumphed off again. (In the circus act, Siam balances Mrs. Vidbel across her lower lip and carries her around the ring.) As the Indian summer faded and the temperatures in the Catskills fell to freezing, the Vidbels became seriously worried--elephants are peculiarly susceptible to pulmonary diseases. The Civil Air Patrol set up ground-to-air communications; the state police set up walkie-talkie patrols; recordings of the mating calls of bull elephants were trumpeted from strategic locations. None of these desperate maneuvers worked. Siam was captured, finally, because she apparently just got plain tired of running.

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The language of the Constitution of the United States is clear: "No person holding any office of profit or trust shall, without the consent of the Congress, accept of any presents, emolument, office or title of any kind whatever from any king, prince, or foreign state." So says Section 9 of Article I of the Constitution--written almost two centuries ago. But what happens today, when the Office of President of the U.S. is so important that





his every public word is instantly flashed to every corner of the world? If a foreign potentate presents him with a diamond medal, does he throw it out the window? "The only acceptable gift to a public official," said a distinguished member of the U.S. Senate some time ago, "is one he can eat, drink, or smoke in 24 yours." How unreliable that definition is was demonstrated last month in the latest hassle over gifts to government employes. This hassle was blown up by the exhaust of a convertible Oldsmobile given by King Saud of Saudi Arabia to Victor Purse, the State Department deputy chief of protocol who was fired from his job after a fight with his chief over the visit to the U.S. of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. Purse accepted the car from Saud (whom he had escorted on his trip to America last January) only after he had consulted the State Department legal staff; nevertheless, he was given an official reprimand for "bad judgment" in accepting it. The Oldsmobile, however was only one of Saud's gifts. Saud, it turned out had brought fifteen trunkloads of gifts to America. To President Eisenhower, he gave a sword in a jeweled scabbard; to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and three top aides, Saud gave watches, robes, and suitcases; to his State Department bodyguards, he gave cash gifts totaling \$6,700. The President turned his sword over to the Eisenhower museum in Abilene.

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The latest Christmas present gadget to make KP duty easier is an automatic potato peeler, made by the All Channel Products Corp. of New York and priced at \$9.95. This potato peeler cleans, peels, and washes 2 pounds of potatoes (or carrots, turnips, apples) in one minute without the use of knives or electricity. The potatoes are placed in a covered, plastic basket that is fixed by suction cups to the sink basin and connected by hose to the sink faucet. Water pressure causes the flanged inside of the basket to spin, whirling the potatoes against the abrasive side and bottom, scraping off finely pulverized peels which wash down the drain.

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Surabaya's little Masjid Rachmat is said to be the oldest Moslem mosque in East Java. It is so sacred that even the making of necessary repairs is considered a sacrilege. With his job rendered a sinecure by this taboo, the mosque's slovenly caretaker, Pak Murah, devoted himself to a more personal responsibility: how to marry off his none-too-attractive daughter. Three years ago when a young member of the local Communist Party made tentative matrimonial advances, potential father-in-law Murah unhesitatingly tossed aside all his religious scruples to promote the match. He joined the party himself and, in utter defiance of Moslem law, allowed his new pagan comrades to build three small houses and a coffee shop for their own use within the mosque's walled grounds. The Moslem elders who had hired Pak Murah screamed "sacrilege." Pak Murah only sneered. The Moslems took the case to court. The case dragged on and on. One judge, intimidated by Communist threats, quit in mid-hearing. At the mosque the Moslem devout tried in vain to ignore the clangor of Red ribaldry outside as they prayed. Life-size pictures of Stalin, Voroshilov and Indonesia's Red Boss D.N. Aidit were plastered on the mosque's walls. Then came the final outrage. In the room behind the coffee shop, the Communists installed prostitutes, even let them wash up in the sacred pool reserved for ceremonial ablutions. "If this sickening thing is permitted to go on," stormed one members of the Indonesian Parliament, "the Communists will get even bolder." Last month a new court with a new judge convened for the 21st session of the case and ruled that Pak Murah and his Communists must vacate the premises. The Reds promptly filed an appeal.

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From far out over the Pacific, at 3 a.m. of an October morning just a little more than a year ago, came an ominous message from the Pan American World Airways stratocruiser Sovereign of the Skies--CAB Registration No. 90943. "We have a runaway prop. Will call you later." Following that





message came one of the most dramatic sea rescues on record as the pilot, Richard N. Ogg, ditch-landed his plane (carrying 31 persons) near the Coast Guard weather ship Pontchartrain. All were saved. Last month, from almost the same spot over the Pacific (85 miles west of the weather ship November) came a routine message from the PAA stratocruiser Romance of the Skies-- Registration NO. 90944. Pilot Gordon H. Brown was simply reporting his position: "29-20 North, 141-35 West." Four hours later, search planes heard SOS signals, but whether they were coming from the airliner no one knew. Nor could any trace of her be found. What had actually happened? Had an accident occurred aboard the Romance of the Skies or had she been sabotaged? One week later, the bodies of 16 passengers of the ill-fated plane were recovered from the Pacific, 1,040 miles northeast of Honolulu.

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An hour before the first painting went up for auction, every seat was taken in the lushly draped main salesroom of New York's Parke-Bernet Galleries. A stiff "first come, first served" rule prevailed for chairs. And although such well-known names as Mrs. Stavros P. Nicarchos, the Winthrop Aldriches, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford II, and the David Rockefellers managed to find places, many a millionaire and his elegantly fur-clad lady were forced to stand and crane their necks to see the stage. Arriving late, Eleanor Roosevelt was able to slip into a seat beside Helena Rubinstein only because of the gallantry of an earlier comer. On sale were 65 superb French pictures from the estate of the late George Lurcy. To see them scattered to the four winds, even the standees could consider themselves lucky. With a hard-boiled selectivity that made the New York Social Register look like a telephone directory, Parke-Bernet had ruthlessly culled the art collectors' world, dividing it into those (1,000) permitted into the actual presence of the auction and those (about 750) who, according to one gallery official, "were not in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 class" and had to





watch and bid from other rooms in the building by means of the first closed-circuit television ever used at a U.S. auction. Another 2,000 enthusiasts who wished to be present were not, for reasons of space, welcomed at all. Twenty Pinkerton detectives made sure that the categories were strictly observed. Soon after the first item, a crayon drawing by Picasso, was bought for \$9,000, it became apparent that art history was being made on Madison Avenue. The total sum realized from two and a half hours of frenzied bidding was \$1,708,500, the largest amount ever gathered from a single auction of modern paintings here or abroad.

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With nearly everyone else from Levelland, Texas, to Kearney, Neb., reporting mysterious flying objects, the Cherokee Indians also got into the act last month. The Cherokees not only had a flying object of their own, they had an explanation that covered all of them. The object reported by the Cherokees was a "ball of fire" that settled on Great Smokey Mountains National Park near Cherokee, N.C., where their forefathers hunted more than 200 years ago. The explanation was made by Police Chief Wilbur Allison of Cherokee, and one of his policemen, Amos Lambert, both members of the tribe, and both of whom drove into the center of the "ball of fire" in a car. It was a skillie, they said. What is a skillie? "It's something peculiar to the Cherokees," said Lambert. "A skillie is a human who has the power to change into any form--animal, vegetable, mineral, or light. To become a skillie a person must be put through a ritual by a medicine man immediately after birth. It's not squaw talk, It's the real thing." Lambert's explanation seemed as good as any other.

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## TRIVIA

ART LESSON - Art student William Green, 23, of London, England, explained how he makes the paintings which he sells for as much as \$280 each: place a large, fresh white canvas on the floor, pour paint and printer's ink on the canvas, jump up and down on the paint, dance and skip over the surface, ride over the canvas on a bicycle, soak the canvas in paraffin, shovel sand on the painting to give it "added texture."

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LADY LUCK - Policeman R. W. Starr of Oklahoma gallantly assisted a woman who was having trouble with a parking meter, banged it hard a couple of times, gave her a summons when a slug appeared behind the glass.

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BURNING ISSUE - Apologizing for its delay in filling orders for musical cigarette lighters that play I Don't Want to Set the World on Fire, the Japan Central Exchange Mail Order Service of Tokyo explained that "The factory burned down."

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THE CURE - Irritated by wasps that buzzed around the barn, farmer Harold Weber of Olney, Ill., decided to smoke them out, burned more than 5,000 bales of hay, 2,000 bushels of barley, 200 loads of manure, a utility shed, a garage, three drums of gasoline and the barn.

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FAMILY OUTING - When cops refused to arrest Edgar Spears of Kingsport, Tenn., because, in his own house, he was not a "public drunk," they carried him off after his two sons dragged him to the street.

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NOT FARE - Cabby Roscoe Damron, 60, of Detroit heard his passenger mumble "something about having no money," pulled up to a police station, went in to fetch help, returned to find no cab.

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OVER TIME - Penitentiary Warden Vernon L. Pepersack of Baltimore suspended a prison guard who went on duty in his wall sentry booth carrying an alarm clock.

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LOCAL ANESTHETIC - In Budapest, the newspaper People's Freedom carried a want ad: "Girl, 23, with glasses, high-school graduate, living in country, would like to meet and marry serious man who does not like to make acquaintances through ads."

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INNOCENT MIDDLEMAN - Ole Jensen of Copenhagen, arrested for counterfeiting Danish employee holiday stamps--so expertly that he was able to turn them in at the post office windows, a book at a time, and collect \$64 in refunds--conceded that he knew it was illegal but did not think it really wrong since the post office could reissue the books and recover its money.

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VANITY FARE - When Ruth Pyburn, 29, was rescued from Lake Ontario, where she had fallen from an excursion boat and had floated unseen for an hour, she collapsed after begging her rescuers not to let others "see my hair like this."

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SAFETY RECORD - After police nabbed Napoleon Lafayette Baulch of Beverly Hills, Calif., when he jumped a red light, discovered that he had stolen the car, was a two-term loser for burglary and forgery, was sought for passing \$12,000 worth of bad checks, he lamented his capture, said he usually traveled by air because airlines "take bum checks."





## BETSIE BARKS

Hello! How are you? I'm fine.

Sometimes the Boss cleans the house. I like to help, but she says I get in the way.

First the Boss takes a cloth and rubs it on the tables, the chairs, the piano, and everything. Then she takes a fuzzy thing on a stick and pushes it around the floor. When you sniff it, it tickles your nose.

Then she takes a big stick with a flat end and a bag on it. This makes a lot of noise, and the Boss runs all around the room with it. I run around too and sometimes get in front of it, so it bumps me. The Boss says she can move the chairs out of the way better than she can move me.

After a while the noise stops and the Boss puts a big paper on the floor. Then she takes the bag off the stick and tries to dump dirt out of it on the paper. But I fool her because I get down on the paper first. A paper on the floor belongs to me because that's where I get brushed.

Sometimes she dumps the dirt before I get there and I try to play in it, but she won't let me. She has to put me out in the yard and then she finishes.

I think the Boss is cleaning the house because Christmas is coming. Christmas is a pretty time and the house looks pretty, too, when it is clean.

I hope Santa brings you lots of packages.

Thank you and Merry Christmas.

Betsie Dinsmore





## SPORTS SHOTS

Henry Aaron, Milwaukee's 23-year-old Negro outfielder, nosing out Stan Musial and teammate Red Schoendienst, was chosen the NL's Most Valuable Player. In the American League, for the second consecutive year, Mickey Mantle was voted MVP...Billy Martin of the Athletics was traded to the Tigers in a multi-player deal. Martin, a former Yankee infielder, had been sought by six clubs in the American League. Along with Martin went five others: outfielders Gus Zernial and Lou Skizas, pitchers Tom Morgan and Mickey McDermott, and catcher Timmy Thompson, in exchange for catcher Frank House, outfielders Bill Tuttle and Jim Small, and pitchers Duke Mass and John Tsitouris.

..The New York Yankees may televise their home games into Philadelphia, as a counter to the Phillies' televising into New York...J. Norman Lewis, the attorney who represents the major-league baseball players' bargaining organization, thinks the advent of pay-TV will net baseball at least \$25 million per World Series. "Aside from helping the players' pension plan," he said, "it will give the owners revenue to modernize their parks."...A faculty committee set up to survey Ohio State policy called big-time football programs "a maze of hypocritical statements," then urged that college football players be paid a share of game gate receipts. "Skill in any form is marketable in our society," the committee's report pointed out...Hugh Wiley, 30, a former apprentice seaman in the U.S. Navy, rode a Palomino named Nautical over jumps to four victories during the National Horse Show at New York's Madison Square Garden, leading the American team to the championship over Great Britain, 120 points to 106...In a ferocious ten-round match, former Middleweight Champion Gene Fullmer battled Las Vegas' Neal Rivers to a split decision. The surgical count: 16 stitches for Fullmer, six for Rivers...Eddie Machen of California TKO'd durable "Hurricane" Jackson in the 10th...Juan Manuel Fangio, 46, the world's leading auto-racing driver, is planning to retire.



## MARGINALIA

Gov. Orval Faubus of Arkansas said he would not rule out the possibility of his heading a third party as Presidential candidate. "But it would not be a party based on the segregation issue. It would be based on states' rights." ...Roger Babson, an economics expert, predicts that the U.S. will have an economics czar next year to fight inflation by fixing wages and prices...A new book about F.D.R., titled "Hi-ya, Neighbor," written by Ruth Stevens of Warm Springs, Ga., will be filmed for TV...A Chicago commuters' dream bus--wide reclining seats, carpeting, television, card tables, draw drapes and electric razors--has turned into a bus owners' nightmare and will be withdrawn from service because of a lack of passengers...Joe Louis, 43, former heavyweight champion and his second wife, Rose Morgan, 44, a New York beautician, threw in the sponge and decided after two years that life together "was just too difficult."...Swedish film star Ingrid Bergman flew from Rome to London alone to start a life without the man--Italian movie director Roberto Rossellini--for whom she abandoned her first husband and child seven years ago...Jerry Duffie, 47, a New York laborer, developed total amnesia when his wife, Alberta, 32, clobbered him over the skull with a kitchen utensil. En-route to Bellevue Hospital, with little hope of ever recovering, the ambulance collided with a car, bumping Duffie's head again--restoring his memory...A total of 1,250 pregnant, unwed girls under 16 have been dismissed from New York City public schools so far this school year, according to the Board of Education...Movie producer James Hill, 41, and actress Rita Hayworth, 39, announced that they will marry sometime after the holidays. It will be Rita's fifth trip to the altar, Hill's first...Forty-two murderers, eight bandits and one embezzler held a convicts' convention in Lucknow, India, to advise the Government of India on prison reforms...Norways new King Olaf is reported





to be wooing the Duchess of Kent...Mrs. John Kennedy, 33, and mother of five children, shot and killed her husband, a 42-year-old deputy sheriff of Utica, Mich., when he refused to give her the keys to their new car...Woolworth heiress Barbara Hutton von Cramm, 45, is planning to take personable, 30-year-old Philip Van Rensselaer for her seventh husband...The world's oldest cow, Bluebell, of Willington, England, died at the age of 32...New York's Canine Beauty Parlor is featuring the latest--and most expensive Christmas gift for Fido: a solid gold, diamond-studded dog tag for \$488.75...American actress Jayne Mansfield, 24, will marry Mickey Hargitay, 27, a Hungarian-born weight lifter and former Mr. Universe...The government said it is testing a simple home warning device, to be plugged into any electrical outlet, to warn a household of approaching attack or fallout hazard. Federal Civil Defense Administrator Leo A. Hoegh said he hopes to see the contrivance "installed in every home in America."...Film comedian Harold Lloyd will extract the funniest sequences from his 17 films and patch them together for a movie which he will narrate...Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, 70, one of the last great generals of World War II still active, will resign as NATO's deputy commander on Sept. 20, 1958...Russia is building a "scientific town" of 20,000 inhabitants in the heart of Siberia, the Moscow radio said. The town will contain 10 large research institutes, a new university, and housing and living facilities for thousands of scientists...The Civil War cost \$3.9 billion, the first World War \$36.9 billion and the second \$383 billion. Last month the Navy estimated that the next big one, if it comes, will cost \$4 trillion...Pat Carter, a British showgirl, married the man of her dreams, circus midget Barry Gnome, 42, twice her age...The United States will start a school in the Pacific Northwest for the training of personnel for space travel. The curriculum will deal with problems involving gravity, temperature, psychological factors, etc...Henry Corke, 45, who gives his occupation as thief, was fined 2 pounds by a London court for being tardy in his contribution to unemploy-





ment fund payments...After farmer Ed Gein, a 51-year-old bachelor of Maunoma, Wisconsin, was arrested for the murder of Mrs. Bernice Worden, 58, a local hardware store owner, and authorities had found her nude, mutilated body and parts of seven or eight female corpses at his farm, he confessed he wanted to be a woman and that this compulsion prompted him to kill women and steal female bodies from graves to get parts to wear upon his own body...Although Moscow radio announced that the space dog Laika had died in the orbiting satellite, in an exclusive story the Baltimore Sun reported that the Soviet space dog had been catapulted successfully out of Sputnik II and had landed about 30 miles from Moscow. The Sun's Moscow bureau could not ascertain whether the dog was dead or alive...Cecile Dionne, 23, second of the quins to go to the altar, married Philippe Langlois, 26, a television technician...Kid Chocolate, once the idol of Cuba's fight fans, was pardoned by President Batista, after he was sentenced to serve a seven-month jail term for possessing marijuana cigarettes...Walter Williams of Huston, Texas, eldest of the two surviving Civil War veterans, celebrated his 115th birthday...Labor Secretary Mitchell predicted a rise in unemployment, but also forecast an end to the persistent price rise of the last few years. He would not concede that the country faced a recession...A top-secret report by a committee headed by H. Rowan Gaither, Jr., has urged the Administration to erect at a cost of \$20,000,000,000 a network of "fallout shelters" as a protection in an atomic war...The White House has rejected an offer from the Hearst chain to conduct a public fund-raising campaign designed to get a U.S. sputnik into space "by Christmas"...Sir Winston Churchill celebrated his 83 birthday on November 30 at the family fireside with **reminiscences** and champagne.

THE ENTIRE STAFF OF THE FOUNDATION WISHES ALL READERS AND FRIENDS

OF TOUCH--AND--GO A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.









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## MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSHORE

Experience has taught us that it is best when traveling to avoid the typical "convention city." Recently we spent nine days in a large eastern city of this kind and had to change hotels twice during that short space of time. The first move was made because of a group of lady executives, bedecked with badges, who overflowed the place. The second time we were dispossessed because a horde of farmers hit town. When we expressed regret that we had not made reservations several months in advance, we learned that the career women and the Grangers had made theirs twelve months before.

After returning to New York, exhausted from packing and repacking, we attempted to reserve space in a hotel in another large city in the Midwest. This time the request was made a full month ahead, but we were blocked again by a convention of fertilizer distributors! Letters and telephone calls have not yet cleared the way, and we may find ourselves sleeping on a park bench.

The purpose of the nine-day trip was to observe work being done in a speech and hearing clinic and in another special clinic for little blind children. We were also able to make initial plans for a summer course in the counseling of parents of preschool deaf-blind children. Unfortunately, there was no chance to contact other agencies nor to visit deaf-blind people.

Another bit of advice to travelers is never to start out on a day that Queen Elizabeth is in town. We made this mistake on the last trip, and in spite of an extra hour, we almost missed the plane. All across midtown Manhattan traffic came to a standstill, and crowds lined the streets long before the royal procession was due. Inch by inch, our taxi got through, turning up one street then another to by-pass the congestion, but the whole episode was a strain on nerves and disposition.

There will be crowds again when we leave town on the Thanksgiving week-





end, but somehow this will be less disturbing because we shall be carefree and caught up in a holiday spirit. Thanksgiving is a time to see family and friends and to enjoy a feast without counting calories. It is the time for all America to take an inventory of our blessings and to be thankful that we can be thankful.

Annette B. Dinsmore





## NEWS DIGEST

Racial segregation lay at the root of India's caste system long before it became encrusted with Hindu religious traditions. The light-skinned Aryans who invaded the subcontinent some 3,500 years ago were determined to maintain barriers against the dark Dravidian natives. Even the original Indian word for caste, varna, means color. The descendants of the Dravidians became the Untouchables, forced to live apart, barred from temples, schools, and public wells, doomed to such occupations as scavenging, and considered so vile that even their shadows could pollute what they darkened. Though India officially abolished untouchability ten years ago and a 1955 law made it a crime to discriminate against the group that now numbers more than 55 million, untouchability still pollutes India.

Last month, fighting raged between the landless former Untouchables (renamed by Mahatma Gandhi the Harijans or Children of God) and the landholding Maravars, a splinter of the peasant and worker caste. Armed bands from the rival castes battled each other repeatedly as the violence spread through a fifteen-village area. Temples were plundered and houses put to the torch. Ten different times, police opened fire on the rioters. With at least 40 dead and more than 100 injured, officials in New Delhi expressed fear that the rioting might spread still further.

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As a critic of the royal family, Lord Altrincham is both a Tory and a monarchist. Last month an Englishman who is neither joined the argument. Young playwright John Osborne, whose Look Back in Anger is now playing in Manhattan and whose sulky bad manners have made him the current darling of London's West End intellectuals, got off an angry outburst in the highbrow monthly Encounter. Describing the royal family as "a ridiculous anachronism" and "the gold filling in a mouthful of decay," Osborne denounced "Queen



worship" as "the national swill" and no fit occupation for Socialists. "I don't believe," he wrote, "that there can be one intellectual in the Labour Party who doesn't find it hilarious or contemptible. Naturally they would never dream of losing all those votes by saying so." As for Prince Charles, Osborne went on to ask: "Is no one aghast at the thought of a lifetime of reading about the first day at prep school, the measles, the first dance, the wedding and finally the beauty of the ceremonial?" Most British newspapers pretended not to hear.

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Ever since Rafael Leonidas Trujillo Molina seized power in the Dominican Republic in 1930, his enemies have led precarious lives, no matter how far from home they fled. In 1935 a gunman burst into a New York City apartment and killed Sergio Bencosme, onetime Interior Minister of the Dominican Republic. In 1952 Andres Requena, editor of an anti-Trujillo newspaper, was gunned down in another Manhattan apartment. Last year Jesus de Galindez, author of an anti-Trujillo book, disappeared, and all signs pointed to another assassination. All the while Trujillo complained that he could not understand his bad publicity abroad. Last month Tancredo Martinez Garcia, 41, exiled leader of an anti-Trujillo party stepped off the elevator on the third floor of a downtown Mexico City office building. From the staircase a voice called "Martinez Garcia." Martinez turned and caught a bullet full in the face. The gunman, thought to be a professional Cuban gun slinger, grabbed Martinez' briefcase then scuttled from the building undetected. Only in one detail did the shooting vary from the pattern: the bullet ripped through Martinez' cheek and neck, missing a vital spot and the Trujillo critic will probably live.

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What Moscow television's Sunday "Evening of Merry Questions" really needed, its quizmaster decided last month, was giveaway prizes, 'just like' in America. Flashing a debonair smile, for all the world like Hal March, the Communist quizmaster suddenly announced that the first three "Merry Questions"





viewers to arrive at the studio wearing their full winter outfits would receive prizes. Within minutes, eager prize seekers began to arrive, first in a trickle, then in a flood. Perspiring in fur coats, caps, mufflers, mittens, and snow boots, they stomped about the stage, alternately demanding their prizes and waving into the cameras at friends still at home. A blur of fur soon completely obscured the quizmaster who could be heard gamely shouting for the crowd to please leave the stage so the show could go on. Struggling to the mike, he gasped: "Because more than 500 people arrived the organizers of the program must investigate." Then blackout. After viewers had stared hopefully for more than an hour at the letters "VVV," Russian initials of the program, a voice broke in: "For technical reasons, the program "Merry Questions" is being canceled." Moscow TV then signed off, hours before its scheduled time. Next day, the newspaper "Evening Moscow" roundly condemned the reckless quizmaster and his fiasco as "beneath criticism." At least one thing was clear: There never will be a "64,000 ruble question" on Soviet TV.

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It was three days after the junta had declared martial law in tense, troubled Haiti and Shibley J. Talamas, a Haiti-born American businessman, was worried. It was 1 a.m., his wife was about to have her first baby, and she needed a doctor. But there was a 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. curfew and Talamas, the bulky (6 foot 6, 300 pounds), popular manager of a Port-au-Prince underwear factory, started out. The police nabbed him immediately. They grilled him for hours, then released him at 9:45 a.m. Meanwhile, they had searched his home and found a Luger pistol, a hunting rifle, and ammunition. They issued a warrant for his arrest on charges of unlawful possession of arms. Talamas went to the U.S. Embassy for advice. Officials there got in touch with the Haitian police, who assured them they meant Talamas no harm, simply wanted to question him. Two vice consuls escorted the big man to police headquarters, told him not to worry, and left him. The next day the Haitians made



a grim announcement. While in the police station, they said Talamas had grabbed for a machine gun and almost instantly dropped dead from a heart attack. To U.S. Ambassador Gerald Drew, the explanation sounded fishy. He insisted on sending representatives to examine the body. The arms, chest and abdomen were found covered with severe bruises. To the U.S. officials, the evidence permitted but one conclusion: Talamas had been beaten to death.

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The United States had a satellite in outer space more than a year before the Russians, a Manchester, N. H., newspaper said. The New Hampshire Sunday Times said the satellite was an accident and was destroyed by scientists who did not realize its propaganda value. It gave as its source George M. Rideout, president of the Gravity Research Foundation at New Boston, N. H. The paper quoted Mr. Rideout as having said that he stumbled on the satellite story amid a bundle of unclassified rocket documents in the files at the research center. "Something went wrong with a rocket fired in Florida by the Army," Mr. Rideout said. The incident occurred a little over a year ago during an experiment to see how high the rocket could be fired. The first two stages went off all right, but the third stage did not function as expected and turned into a satellite 500 miles up. Because this was not what scientists wanted, a radio impulse was sent to the rocket to blow it up before it became a space derelict.

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The 96 troops stood at broomstick-straight attention as the lieutenant eyed them severely. Checking up and down the lines, the lieutenant observed that the uniformed contingent was not all it should be. Chins tucked in? Yes. Stomachs sucked in? Yes, sort of. Chests out? Well, hardly. So the lieutenant, Jeane Wolcott, 28, head of a detachment of U.S. WAC's on duty at Camp Kishine in Yokohama, had a heart-to-heart talk with her girls. "Some of the young ladies who are not too gifted in some ways," she explained later, "were told that they could make improvements. For a few who were beginning to bulge a bit, I suggested girdles. For a few others I suggested padding for the





shoulders--and elsewhere. When a WAC isn't well endowed, the uniform has a tendency to dip in front of the shoulders. Padding at the shoulders will take the dip out. So will falsies." Added Lieut. Wolcott (who says that her measurements are "classified"): "Give me a man who is a man, and a woman should be a woman." Jeane Wolcott's sad sags instantly got the hint. Rushing into the post exchange and downtown shops to buy their equipment, the girls in need hustled back to their quarters to spruce up. A few days later Camp Kishines's commander, Lieut. Colonel Frederick G. Ward, himself undulated down the line of girls, found stomachs uniformly tight, as well as all kinds of extra surprises. The colonel's rating: "High excellent." The WAC's morale: uplifted.

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Like a Norwegian "Peyton Place," the earthy novel about a student's search for love sounded embarrassingly realistic to readers in the west-coast port of Bergen--so much so that they complained to the state prosecutor that they could recognize each other in it. By last month, the old problem of how to differentiate between art and pornography had mushroomed into Scandinavia's most sensational literary trial of the twentieth century. "Song of the Red Ruby" by 42-year-old Agnar Mykle was published a year ago but attracted little attention until several homes in Bergen reportedly broke up over Mykle's detailed account of his hero's bedroom antics. Not only Bergen households but most Norwegian public opinion was split after the state prosecutor, Andreas Aulie, filed charges against Mykle and his respected Oslo publisher, Gyldendal's. Citing a 1902 publications law under which no one has ever before been tried, Aulie declared that ten passages dealing with "sexual experiences" were "immoral." Unlike the frolicsome Swedes, who are given an intensive sex education in school, many Norwegians saw a threat to teen-age morals from the booming best seller. The Norwegian Authors Society, on the other hand, went to bat for the latter-day Ibsen. It called his novel "a work of art" and said the prosecutor had "made the book pornographic by taking passages out of context." After



hearing testimony, including the reading of the entire novel by the author, the court banned Mykle's book on grounds it had "gone farther than any previous Norwegian fiction" and "must be considered pornographic."

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Thousands of California families relaxed in their living rooms one evening, reading the papers or listening to the 8 o'clock news. They learned with relief that 27-year-old Donald Keith Bashor, confessed hammer slayer of two women, was at last dead, executed in the San Quentin prison gas chamber early that morning. The muscular 6-footer had terrorized Angelenos for two years--committing more than 100 robberies--and was the type of killer-thief who made mothers keep their children off the streets, fathers to double-check windows before going to bed. At exactly 8:05 p.m., Los Angeles's station KNX, a CBS outlet, presented a documentary, "Judgment," which blasted the Angelenos from their chairs. A halting, soft-spoken voice quietly started: "She woke up and turned on the light. She made an attempt to block my path and screamed and I became panicky. You know in a case like that...it doesn't happen in minutes. It happens in split seconds. You don't have a conscious thought really." Thus spoke Bashor, ten hours dead. And audiences, suddenly aware of what they were hearing, drew closer to the radio. "Then I knew I had taken someone's life... I would try to tell myself that it was the last time and I was not going to do it again. But...I couldn't stop myself in any way." Why had this convicted criminal, with a long and varied record, including desertion from the Navy and several years in a Federal penitentiary, gone to all this trouble granting an exclusive interview to reporter Jules Maitland, provided that the taped apologia be used after his execution? "To make up in any way for what I had done."

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#### SPECIAL NOTICE

Miss Lillian E. Cunradi, 106 S. Hancock Street, Madison 3, Wisconsin, Editor, is planning to resume publication of "Skylark," a free Braille magazine for the deaf-blind. Those, including former "Skylark" readers, wishing to receive this journal of fun, fiction and fact should write to Miss Cunradi, in Braille.





## TRIVIA

BILL OF PARTICULARS - In Tucson, Ariz., police traveling 65 to 100 mph were outdistanced but finally caught speedster Delos Kebler Knox Jr., by trapping him in a roadblock, promptly impounded his ex-1948 Ford on the ground that it had no body, no windshield, no floor boards, steering wheel sawed in half, seat precariously bolted to the frame, gas tank held on by baling wire, no speedometer, no hood, no fenders, no registration.

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HOW TIME FLIES - Janos Kerekgyarto, Hungarian refugee now employed in Waterloo, Iowa, told police his watch was stolen from right under his startled gaze. Kerekgyarto said he was sitting in his upstairs apartment when a crow flew in the open window, plucked the watch from the table and flew out again.

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BASE CLIFF - Thomas Patrick Murphy, 47, of Manhattan, booked on charges of burglary and possessing burglary tools (5,000 hotel and auto keys, auto-license-plate stamping tools), explained about the keys: "It's my hobby. I'm a key collector."

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STOP THE MUSIC! - In Gallup, N. Mex., the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Association, after several weeks of rainy weather, sent out a plea to Pueblo Indians to cancel plans for some of their rain dances.

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FRIEND MISSING - Advertising for his lost dog, C. W. Bumgardner, of San Bernardino, Calif., said that she carried her own leash, growled at strangers, was good with children, and would "fetch slippers, coffee, pipe and TV log on request."

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STEWED - A man arrived in New York's Composer Room with a box containing a live lobster, ordered two martinis--and drank one while the lobster drank the other. When bartender Smith marveled at this, the man said: "Okay, the lobster's yours. I've had enough fun with him." "Thanks," said the bartender, picking up the lobster, "I'll take him home for dinner." The man said: "No. He's already had dinner. Why not take him to the movies instead?"

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HOT PROSPECT - E. T. Burchett, auto salesman, of Fuquay-Varina, N. C., explained to police why he chased an armed bandit who had just robbed a bank of \$12,000: "I wanted to sell him a car and I knew he had some money."

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ACHUNG BACK - In Clinton, Iowa, Carl Martinsen, 74, gratefully submitted to a rheumatism "rub-down" treatment by a couple of sidewalk healers claiming to have curative powers, minutes later discovered his wallet with \$2,200 was gone.

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SPELLING IT OUT - A convict in the Walla Walla, Wash., state penitentiary ripped open his package of three hollowed-out religious books, found, instead of an expected 3,000 Benzedrine-type pills, a note from the warden informing "to whom it may concern" that pill smuggling in the prison had been discovered.

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SNITCH IN TIME SAVE FINE - Constables were puzzled when they set up a gadget to catch speeders in Edmonton, Alta., only to find all traffic moving carefully under the speed limit. Suspicious, they checked and found a sign a block down the street: "Caution, cops ahead!"

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ELUSIVE HARMONY - In San Jose, Calif., Clement Lopez, after slugging his partner in a midnight duet and fracturing his skull, explained: "He was singing out of tune."

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BETSIE BARKS

Hello! How are you? I'm glad.

I thought we were going to move and we aren't. I like this house and I like my yard and I don't like to move.

I will tell you why I was mixed up.

The Boss put everything away--the books--the pictures--and my toys. Then they took away the rugs and the curtains, and I had to lie down on the bare floor. The Boss and I went on a trip and when we came back everything was where it shouldn't be. There was new paint on the walls and it smelled, too.

It is better now, but some things are still gone, and the Boss tries to find them.

I found my rubber mouse in a pail and there was green paint in that pail. I wanted my mouse, but the Boss threw it away. Then I hunted and hunted in my own bucket and got my other rubber mouse. I am sorry the first one got in the green paint.

Why do they paint walls? The Boss says it makes them pretty and clean like me when I have a bath.

I am glad I don't look green though. I am glad I don't smell like the paint.

Thank you and goodbye.

Betsie Dinsmore



## SPORTS SHOTS

Ted Williams and Stan Musial won the major-league batting championships last month. Williams, 39, outhit Mickey Mantle, 25, by some 21 points; Musial, 36, finished almost 20 points ahead of Willie Mays, 26...Joe Gordon, the former Yankee second baseman, is a good bet to become the next manager of the Boston Red Sox. Mike Higgins, the incumbent, is under the pressure that always comes after a disappointing season...Due to losing too many games and too many fans, Cleveland fired its general manger, Hank Greenberg...As he defeated the Yankees--with spitballs (according to Stengel), screwballs and sinkers--three times (4-2, 1-0, 5-0), Lew Burdette, 20, did something more than threaten a batch of baseball's oldest and most hallowed records. He heralded the opening of what Milwaukee officials insist will be a victorious dynasty for the Braves...On October 28th more than a thousand persons formally welcomed the Dodgers to their new home in Los Angeles. Either the Redlegs, Phils, Cubs or Pirates will move to New York...Whistlin' Charley Dressen, who four years ago "quit" as Dodger manager because he was offered no more than a one-year contract, signed to coach the Dodgers--under a one-year contract...Donald Campbell, holder of the world speedboat record, drove his jet-powered Bluebird II at unofficial speeds of 250 and 275 mph on Lake Onondaga, N.Y. At one time 200 mph was considered a fatal speed...On October 29th Virgil Akins, 29, from St. Louis smashed the title dreams of Tony DeMarco as he stopped the former champ at 1:17 of the 14th round for the Mass. version of the lightweight title...Playing with ferocious politeness, Japanese golfers surprised America's team of Sam Snead and Jimmy Demaret by their magical putting and won the International Trophy and Canada Cup matches played in Tokyo by a score of 557-566. Could be that America's great, Snead and Demaret, lost because they kept their eyes glued to the beautiful Japaneses female caddies instead of on the ball. 12





## MARGINALIA

President Eisenhower is planning to go to Paris in December for what likely will be a NATO summit meeting aimed at revision of Western defense systems to meet Russia's stepped-up challenge...Herbert Brownell, Jr., a member of the original Eisenhower Cabinet, resigned. The new Attorney General will be his deputy, William P. Rogers...A rocket trip from Moscow to New York in ten minutes will be possible in a few years, three Soviet scientists declared...Miss Polly Thompson, long-time companion of Miss Helen Keller, was reported to be on the road to recovery from a serious illness. Miss Thompson, 72, joined Miss Keller as secretary in 1914...The Nobel Peace Prize for 1957 (\$40,000) has been awarded to Lester B. Pearson, 60, Canada's former Secretary of State for External Affairs...Senator William F. Knowland declared that the UN might have "a better chance of survival without the Soviet Union than with it," that "the dictator-ships have made a mockery" of the Charter and that "we should make a mighty effort to make UN deeds coincide with the Charter's word."...Just out of the Navy after a hitch as a frogman, Jon Lindbergh, 25-year-old son of Charles, signed on for more of the same--as a Navy officer in the cloak -and-flipper movie Underwater Warrior...On a South Dakota cornfield, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson rose on the speaker's platform, drew a barrage of half a dozen eggs from local farmers. After seeing the whites of the farmers' eggs, Benson said gravely: "This doesn't represent the feeling of the people of South Dakota."...King Saud of Saudi Arabia, 55 and almost totally blind, will marry Ferial Mumtaz Solh, 17, niece of Lebanese Premier Solh. Since he already has four wives (and scores of concubines), the legal limit permitted by Moslem law, he will divorce one of them by repeating the words "I divorce thee" three times..The only candidate for the world's most prestigious position, bachelor Dag Hammarskjold was re-elected Secretary



General of the United Nations for another five-year term by 80 unanimous votes...The Vatican opened its new radio station, one of the most powerful in the world and capable of piercing countries behind the Iron Curtain, to beam religious news and Roman Catholic opinion to all parts of the world...Cows in an area where a runaway reactor leaked tiny amounts of atomic dust are giving radioactive milk, Britain's atomic energy authority announced. An immediate ban was imposed on milk suppliers in the area of the Windscale plutonium plant...A two-month-old boy of Chicago drowned in the kitchen sink while getting a bath when his mother, Mrs. Judith Schlaeger, went to answer the telephone--a wrong number...The Laborite Daily Herald declared that Britons want Queen Elizabeth to treat them as she did Americans, with more sparkle and less formality. "If it's good for the Yanks, then it should be good for us."...Returning from Moscow, Representative Melvin Price said he had been informed by a Russian scientist that the Soviet Union "soon" would have an atomic plane...In an exchange of gifts, the President presented to the royal couple a portrait of Prince Charles he himself painted. The Queen and her husband gave the Eisenhowers a pair of life-size porcelain birds and a card table of English walnut...Mario do Carmo Silva, 29, of Recife, Brazil, has given birth to her fifth child in one year. Late last year she gave birth to triplet boys and now, within less than 12 months, twin girls...Annette Dionne, 23, the first of the quintuplets to become a bride, was married to Germain Allard, 24, an agent for a Montreal finance company...Patrolman Orsen D. Kay, 29, father of two and member of East Rutherford's (N.J.) police force for two years, was seized as the prowler who invaded a home in his own community, beat up a 17-year-old drum majorette in her bed and shot her father as he sought to aid the girl after hearing her screams...The director of the United States Information Agency reported to Congress that it had been impossible to "blank out" heavy and sensational press coverage abroad of the





Little Rock desegregation dispute. Nuclear testing and the Girard case in Japan were listed as other serious propaganda liabilities...The launching of the second, half-ton Sputnik means that the Russians have discovered a new fuel which is at least 10 times more efficient than the best rocket fuel available in the West. If, for example, American-type rocket fuel were used to launch a half-ton satellite, the weight of the carrier rocket would have to be between 500 and 700 tons--a fantastic weight...Marlon Brando, 33, brawny stage and film actor and Anna Kashfi, 23, Calcutta-born actress, were married. Although she calls herself an Indian, a Welsh factory worker claims that she is his daughter...The wife of Chairman Francis E. Walter of the House Un-American Activities Committee filed suit for "support and maintenance." Mrs. Walter said the 63-year-old Congressman had rejected all her appeals "to change his ways and be and remain a faithful and dutiful husband and father." ...Carlos P. Romulo Jr., 31, son of the Philippine Ambassador to the U.S., was killed in an airplane crash...Christian Dior, 52, for many years the leader in the world of fashion design, died of a heart attack while vacationing in Italy. ..Beverly Nina Rosecrans, 48, of Los Angeles, the most divorced woman in the U.S., received her 14th from Gabriel Avery. When the divorce judge said he felt Beverly's marital marathon was a bit unseemly, she told reporters, "What would he have me do? Live with them without marrying them?"...Italian film director Roberto Rossellini, 56, flew into the arms of his wife, 42-year-old Swedish actress Ingrid Bergman, and told the world with a passionate, minute-long embrace that the fawn-like Indian beauty with whom he played house in Bombay meant nothing to him...Joe Curran, 55, president of the National Maritime Union, sued acid-tongued columnist Westbrook Pegler for \$550,000, claiming that a union leader's reputation is damaged when he is characterized as a "racketeer," "Communist," or "bum"...Crooner Bing Crosby, 53, whose eldest son is 24, married actress Kathy Grant, 23.









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## MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

The summer of 1957 stands out in retrospect as a breathless experience. There was hardly time between trips to catch up the threads in the office, and Betsie and I seemed to be in a constant state of coming and going. There was a week in Knoxville, Tenn., to attend a convention of teachers of the deaf; three days back in the office and a week in Chicago at the American Association of Workers for the Blind Convention. There were three hours in the office and then five days of meetings in Brooklyn, analyzing methods of communication for deaf-blind people--half a day in the office and then off to Syracuse, N. Y., to lecture to a summer class at the university there. After that we had five full days in New York City before taking off for Washington, D. C.--back to the office for one week and then away for a welcome and much needed vacation.

It was a stimulating summer, however, although we were greatly concerned about the mounting pile of braille correspondence which had to be answered in hurried, brief spurts as time permitted. It was stimulating not only because we had a chance to talk with a number of deaf-blind people personally, but because we watched more than two hundred workers primarily concerned with service for blind people, show awakening interest in the capabilities of deaf-blind people and real understanding of the possibilities for them. As a direct result of the panel presentation in Chicago, government officials in Washington lent a willing ear to us when we urged greater emphasis throughout the country on service for deaf-blind clients. The wheels of government move slowly so that we cannot expect immediate solutions, but the wheels have started to move a bit.

First in Chicago, and then in Brooklyn, we had satisfying conversation with a number of deaf-blind people. These were Arthur Sculthorpe of England,



Gerrit van der Mey of Holland, Dick Kinney of Chicago, Bob Smithdas of Brooklyn, Marjorie McGuffin of Canada, Elizabeth Powers of Michigan (now of St. Louis), Sam Chermak and Jerry Lawhorn of New York.

Arthur Sculthorpe had planned to visit a number of his deaf-blind letter-pals and was shocked to find that time and money could not span the distance involved. America is somewhat more spread out than England!

The highlight of the trip to Washington was a visit to the home of Lewis Hertzberg. We were delighted to find another caller, Lois Gonterman of Illinois, who was enjoying a sightseeing whirl of our capital. It was good to see both of them although at times we wished for two sets of hands to keep up with the conversation.

Now in the early weeks of our fall season, plans are not yet definite for travel in the months ahead. We find ourselves wondering whom we will meet before the next summer rolls around, and we often wish with Arthur that the United States were as compact as his country.

Annette B. Dinsmore





## NEWS DIGEST

In the regimental history of the Black Watch, the famous Scots Royal Highland unit noted for kilts and courage, there is one entry called "The Capture of General Eisenhower," Maj. Claude MacBeth Moir, who has arrived in the U.S. with the regiment's 100-member pipe band for a ten-week tour, revealed. In the autumn of 1942, General Eisenhower, working from a secret headquarters in one of the dank tunnels of Gibraltar, entered, in civilian clothes, a forbidden British area. He was promptly arrested by a Black Watch guard. "The sentry took him to the guard room and confined him for three hours," Moir recounted. "In due course, the commanding officer heard that an irate civilian was demanding to be released. An officer was sent down, Mr. Eisenhower's identity was discovered, and he was released." The incident, naturally, doesn't rank with the 218-year-old regiment's exploits at Waterloo or in India, Moir said, but "its not every day that you put the Supreme Allied Commander in the guard room."

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At noon one day last month, Rachele Mussolini stood in the family cemetery at Predappio while the body of her husband Benito Mussolini, hidden for years in a Capuchin monastery by a government conscious of its value as a symbol to neo-Fascists, was formally identified, then placed under a tricolor to await burial. Next day during three Masses, some 500 shouting, banner-waving Fascists broke a pledge against demonstrations, milled about the chapel, and while Rachele stood motionless, gave the blackshirt salute and knelt before the coffin. Later, Italy's old-time Duce was buried beside his blacksmith father and schoolteacher mother.

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Mechanical brains check income taxes, forecast the weather, run assembly lines. But, every once in a while, the machine looks gratifyingly stupid.



Though Maurice Dagbert, 44, never got past junior high school in his native Calais, France, he beats the thinking machines not occasionally, but every time. Dagbert began multiplying two-digit numbers when he was 5 and still spends three hours a day on mental calisthenics. After his self-taught skill became widely known, the French Academy of Science summoned him in 1945 and gave him 52 mathematical brain twisters in a row to solve in his head. Dagbert listened calmly, then rattled off the answers. Two years ago, Dagbert battled a Swedish electronic computer on television, beat it by eight seconds in figuring out a cube root--and the machine got it wrong. The show was such a success that Dagbert now supports his wife and two children by music-hall appearances. While he does his computations, he plays the violin--sight-reading the music. Dagbert is eager to take on any American computer--on one condition: "I'm told American machines can make a million calculations in one second, but how long does it take to feed the problem into the machine? If the machine and I start at the same time, I'll win." Although he admits some American machines might give him "a little trouble," Dagbert is hopeful. "Only in America do they like geniuses and freaks. They also have enough money to pay for their talent."

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A bill passed by the Massachusetts Legislature was placed on the desk of Gov. Foster Furcolo. It read: "Whereas (they) may have been illegally tried, convicted and sentenced by a possibly illegal court...be it resolved that...the General Court of Massachusetts declares...that such proceedings...were and are shocking and the result of a wave of popular hysterical fear of the devil in the community..." The governor promptly signed it, thus exonerating after 265 years six "witches" from Salem who were hanged by the Puritan fathers. Of the total of twenty witches condemned to death in 1692, the reputations of all but these six were cleared in 1711.

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Judge Aaron, a 34-year-old Negro house painter in Springdale, Ala., was talking to his girl friend on the road in front of her home one night last month when six hooded men drove up, stopped, jumped out, grabbed Aaron and stuffed him into their car. The men took Aaron to a deserted shack, castrated him with razor blades and then poured turpentine into the wound. A few days later four whites were arrested. One was a construction worker named Joe Pritchett, the Exalted Cyclops of a local Ku Klux Klan. In the shack where the men had taken Aaron, police found stacks of White Citizen's Council literature--and a Bible. Why had they picked on Aaron? Said one: "We just wanted some nigger at random."

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Abstract paintings by two chimpanzees were put on display at the London Institute of Contemporary Arts. A large group of scientists and artists was on hand for the opening of the exhibition by Dr. Julian Huxley, zoologist and writer. Dr. Desmond Morris, one of the scientists, said he saw patterns produced by the chimpanzees as an important source of information in tracing the origins of human art. The chimpanzees are Congo, an inmate of the London Zoo, and Betsy, who is at the Baltimore Zoo in Maryland. Congo paints with a brush. Betsy paints with her fingers. Congo is one of the chief performers in the program, Zoo Time, which is broadcast by Britain's commercial television network. Both Congo, and Betsy show a preference for bright colors in their work. Betsy's finger-paintings have a linear style that makes them look to a human observer like groves of trees or the nave of a cathedral. Congo goes in for rich daubs of color that turn the observer's mind to exotic cacti or brilliant tropical blossoms. Dr. Morris, who has been observing Congo's activities for some time, said the chimpanzee was "terrifyingly intelligent."

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Charlie Chaplin answered criticism of his new movie with the assertion that he had made it for laughs and that he was no Communist. "I love America even now," said the comedian, who left the United States three years ago.





He spoke to 300 persons at a Foreign Press Club luncheon held in London. Mr. Chaplin's movie, "A King in New York," was previewed by critics. They agreed that it bogged down in a bitter satire on American politics, television and Congressional investigators. "I disagree with reviews which said it was Anti-American," he said, "I made it for laughter. I am not Russian. I am not pro-Communist. I'm no Communist, no Socialist. I never read Marx in my life. I am a citizen of the world."

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When the director of the Brooklyn Museum, John Cooney, bought an Egyptian mummy a few years ago, he wasn't really interested in the mummy, a prosperous but obscure farmer who died about 1,600 years ago, Cooney wanted to give museum visitors an opportunity to see the mummy's well-preserved red, yellow, green, and white linen wrappings. Soon after Cooney unwrapped the mummy, he began trying to get rid of it. First, he directed an assistant to burn it. The assistant, a Roman Catholic, declined on the ground that cremation violated Divine Law. A priest upheld him, and Cooney decided to bury the corpse in the museum's grounds. New York's Health Department refused to issue a burial permit because there was no physician's certificate stating the cause of death. Next, Cooney tried to give the mummy to an out-of-state museum. The Health Department ruled that a shipping permit couldn't be granted without a death certificate. Last month Cooney saw a bit of hope. He found that a minor clause in the Health laws could be interpreted to permit shipment of a mummy who had no death certificate. "I hope so," said Cooney. "Such a kindly old man the mummy is."

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The flourishing enterprise began in the busy mind of Benjamin Kram, onetime numbers racketeer (in Pittsburgh) and taxi driver (in Miami) who decided that there must be better ways of going beyond his \$17-a-month Government check for partial (10%) service disability. With his brothers Henry and Max he founded the Ex-G.I. Plastics Co., and soon they were going



beyond at startlingly successful rate of about \$18,000 gross a week. Gimmick: The Krams crammed cheap plastic crucifixes into envelopes with letters asking \$1 aid for a partially disabled vet, mailed them by the hundreds of thousands to Catholic-sounding names culled from phone books. The law eventually clamped down on the Kram brothers (the Post Office persuaded Benjamin and Henry--Max had quit the firm--to sign an affidavit promising to go out of business). Meanwhile, back in Pittsburgh, young Murray Kram, Max's son and Uncle Ben's assiduous pupil, was keeping the family's tin-plated platinum cup clanking. A bat-eared young man with the mournful features of a card player who has aces wired, Murray could not ask alms as a disabled vet, since he had not been in service. Instead, with the customary request for \$1, he made a frank pitch to the effect that the next-to-worthless crucifixes or rosary bracelets were "being sent to you by an enterprise that owned and operated for the benefit of Murray Kram." Murray did not bother with Irish-sounding names ("I don't think more than 40% or 50% of the people with Irish names are Catholics"), filled his sucker lists with Italian and Slavic names. In 1955, Murray Kram's Religious Distributing Co. grossed \$122,000. Last year a federal court in Pittsburgh found Murray Kram guilty of ten counts of mail fraud, socked him with a \$4,500 fine, three months in jail and five years' probation. Last month, ruling that there was "hardly a scintilla" of evidence that Murray had misled his customers, a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the decision. Despite the court's action, Murray Kram, 28, felt that the mail business was getting too uncomfortable. But he already had a new, eminently legal career in mind: aiding churches as a professional fund raiser, at 15% of the gross take.

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Last month, the Navy quietly announced that it has been bouncing voice messages off the moon since 1954. Beamed by a powerful radar transmitter, the messages travel the nearly 500,000-mile round trip in 2.5 seconds and





come back completely intact, except for a few hollow overtones. The announcement was regarded by the Navy as a significant breakthrough in radar technique (previously only radar pulses had been sent to the moon). James H. Trexler, the naval research scientist working on the project, said the moon talk transmission could be used for radio relay in the event regular radio signals are blacked out. Or it could be used as a means of carrying on a conversation, though not a very comfortable one. You have to wait a couple of seconds for words to get to the moon and back. But even more intriguing than these possibilities was Trexler's report that use of the system has turned up some interesting new things about the moon. One is that its surface seems to be much smoother than was thought, Trexler said the mountains and valleys ordinarily seen do not show up on a radarscope. The Navy scientists also noted that their experiments give a different value for the distance between the earth and the moon than that calculated from optical observation (the mean distance between the center of the earth and the center of the moon is now given as 238,857 miles).

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One of the best-loved and widest-read of American classics, Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," was quietly removed from the required reading list (for elementary and junior high schools) by the New York City Board of Education last month. The warmhearted story of Huck and his constant companion and close friend, "...Miss Watson's big nigger, named Jim..." on the Mississippi River during the 1800s, was dropped, said Dr. William Jansen, the superintendent of schools, because "it has not been used as a textbook in a number of years." Huck Finn was not yet being banned; it was, in effect, being filed away on the dusty back shelves. The school board's attitude was that Huck Finn no longer deserved inclusion in the study of American literature.

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## TRIVIA

THE CURE - In Ann Arbor, Mich., Mrs. Lucy Wireman, 30, denying that she tried to kill her husband, who was hospitalized with a severe case of arsenic poisoning, admitted to police that she had been spiking his beer with rat poison for four years but only "to cure him of the drinking habit."

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THE BACON BARRIER - Mr. and Mrs. Urban Kallhauge and their two children of Morton Grove, Ill., knew just what to do when they ran into a border barrier in Fort Frances, Ont. Told at the U. S.-Canadian customs point they couldn't bring U. S. bacon into Canada, the Kallhauges unpacked a gas stove, the bacon and a dozen eggs. After a hearty meal, they continued their trip into Canada.

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THE WORD - Peter Ciesielski of Derby, Conn., arrested after a one-hour chase by two patrol cars, said: "The Lord told me not to stop. He just told me to keep going and everything would be all right."

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PINCH HITTER - In Frederickburg, Va., bakery operator Edwin Young, annoyed at the damage done to rolls and loaves by customers testing their freshness, posted a sign: "The merchandise on this table is always fresh. If you must squeeze something, please call the manager."

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CRIME AND PUNISHMENT - Sheriff Owen Kilday of San Antonio, faced with heavy repair bills on TV sets smashed during county jail riots, warned that he was going to crack down hard if any more sets were damaged: prisoners would not be allowed to watch Dragnet or The Lineup.

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ON INSTRUMENTS - In Pasadena, Calif., the Independent printed the weather forecast: "Clear today except for early fog, followed by smog, followed by evening fog."

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UNHEALTHY CLINIC - The Moore County, S. C., Grand jury got its information first hand on a tour of the West Southern Pines Health Clinic. Reporting back to Superior Court on the Condition of the County-owned building, the jury said: "Porch floor in dangerous condition. In fact, one of the committee fell through."

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NEW TWIRL - In Brawley, Calif., farmer W. I. Fifield complained that a man had helped himself to three big watermelons from his patch by coming in, scooping them up, and taking off in a helicopter.

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HOW'S THAT, POP? - Psychologist Stanley Mitchell of Chicago, telling parents that they could eliminate juvenile delinquency by whispering good thoughts into their youngsters' ears as they slept, said: "The kids wouldn't hear but their subconscious minds would, and this would build a solid relationship between parents and child."

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THE TEST - In Rome, after suspicious policemen took blind man Federico Pugliese, 29, to the station, passed a luscious pastry before his eyes, with no flicker of recognition, a wad of 10,000-lire bills, with no results, a pack of pinups which made him take notice, he yelled: "You cheat!"

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TEXTUAL BEHAVIOR - The Iowa Supreme Court ruled out as grounds for divorce a charge by Mrs. Valera M. Clough that one of her husband's "cruel and inhuman" practices was to read aloud from Dr. Alfred Kinsey's study of American women.

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DEVOTION LOTION - In Cincinnati, William Stokes, 57, Bishop of the Spiritual Church of God, explained to police that the blackjack he was carrying was for "protection of myself and my congregation," and the bottle of gin, for "sacrificial purposes."

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HARD TO STOMACH - Theft suspect James Jay Johnston, 21, of Paso Robles, Calif., rushed groaning to a hospital by worried patrolmen, was discovered to have two bedsprings, a belt buckle and a spoon handle in his stomach, explained: "I often eat things like that." 10





## BETSIE BARKS

Hello! How are you? I'm fine.

I want to tell you about George. George is a little cat. He has gray and white stripes. He holds his tail straight up and cocks his head. His eyes are yellow and he looks right up at people to ask for food the way I do.

George comes to the Foundation almost every day. He walks in the door slowly and checks with Carleen at the reception window. He starts at the Library and then visits different offices. The Boss calls this "making the rounds." George is polite. He stands in the door first. If this is all right, he jumps up on a chair. If this is all right, he jumps on top of the papers on the desk and goes to sleep. If the soft chair in front of the desk is empty, he like that better for a nap.

Sometimes people give him milk or food, but this is a secret.

George sleeps a lot in the sun on the walk just outside the front door. He thinks the place belongs to him. You have to walk around him then.

When the Boss and I were away this summer they say George slept in the Boss's chair for hours and hours. Last week he came into the office and began to sharpen his claws on our rug. I was under the desk and I watched, but I didn't move. When George saw me, he jumped. Then he backed slowly out. He knew this wasn't his office any more.

I wonder if George goes home at night. The Boss says he probably "goes out on the town" and that is why he sleeps so much at the Foundation.

Thank you and goodbye.

Betsie Dinsmore



## SPORTS SHOTS

Boston Red Sox officials are considering an unprecedented move. They may buy an International League franchise, shift it to Boston, and have the new team play there when the Sox are on the road...Milwaukee's 36-year-old Warren Spahn set a new National League record last month by hanging up his 41st shutout of his 13-season pitching career. He also was the first 1957 major league hurler to win 20 games, moving into the record book alongside Cy Young, Christy Mathewson, Walter Johnson, Grover Alexander and Lefty Grove, all great pitchers who won 20 games or more for eight or more seasons... Robin Roberts, 30, baseball's foremost pitcher year in and year out for nearly a decade, was considered finished when he was dropped from starting rotation with the Phillies, because he lost his fast ball and developed a home-run pitch...Al Lopez and Mayo Smith will continue to manage the White Sox and Phillies respectively in 1958 and Danny Murtaugh, 39, will replace Bobby Bragan at the helm of the Pirates next season...On the slick and tricky turf of the West Side Tennis Club at Forest Hills last month, husky, light-footed Althea Gibson breezed through the finals of the U.S.L.T.A.'s national championships to become the first lady of tennis...Carmen Basilio of Chittenango, N. Y., won the world middleweight championship by outpointing Ray Robinson of New York on a split decision in their fifteen-round fight at Yankee Stadium...By scoring a seven-round K.O. over Tony Anthony, Archie Moore successfully defended his light-heavyweight title in Los Angeles... Gene Fullmer, 26, swarmed over Chico Vejar, 25, to win a ten-round decision and take a long step toward regaining his title which he lost to Sugar Ray Robinson last May...According to a sports survey, golf's most exciting performers today remain those of ten years ago: Snead, 45, Ben Hogan, 45, Jimmy Demaret, 47, Lloyd Mangrum, 43.





## MARGINALIA

Justice Hugo L. Black, 71, second oldest member of the Supreme Court, married his 49-year-old secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Seay DeMeritte...The State Court of Claims in Albany awarded \$16,825 to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Minotti of Elmira, N. Y., for the death of their 15-year-old blind son, Thomas, who was fatally scalded in a bathtub at the Batavia State School for the Blind, in 1956. A judge ruled that the state had failed to explain the cause of the accident...In London, the Daily Sketch reported that Princess Margaret would marry a faithful escort and bachelor-in-waiting, Billy Wallace, British-born stepson of U. S. author Herbert Agar and heir to an iron-and-coal fortune... George Curley, 38, son of former Boston Mayor James M. Curley, was indicted in Morristown, N. J., on charges of impairing the morals of two male minors... After meeting starlet Greta Thyssen for the first time Tommy Manville asked her to be his 11th wife, although his divorce from Pat Gaston, his 10th, was not final...Isaiah Green, Jr., 15 years old, was sentenced to the electric chair for the shotgun murder of a North Philadelphia druggist during a hold-up. His two accomplices, Edwin Walker, 14, and James Crowson, 15, were sentenced to life imprisonment...John Flint Dille, the creator of the serialized comic strip "Buck Rogers," and adventure cartoon that projected its hero into the twenty-fifth century, died at 72...Trumpet player Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong said he had given up plans for a Government-sponsored trip to the Soviet Union because "the way they are treating my people in the South." Mr. Armstrong was regarded by the State Department as perhaps the most effective unofficial goodwill ambassador this country had...John F. Spies, 41, of Franklin Township, N. J., shot and killed his 44-year-old wife, Stella, when he came home unexpectedly and found Josph Foohey, 37, a schoolteacher, in a bedroom closet...The trial of Dave Beck will begin on Jan. 6 in Tacoma, Wash.



The labor leader is being charged with \$240,000 income tax evasion during the years 1950-53...Instead of going to prison for bigamy, Walter Bennett, 32, of Pottsville, Pa., received a most unusual sentence: he was ordered to sleep in the barn for one year on the farm he shares with the second wife, because she has a heart condition and, according to doctors, would die if he were sent to prison...Vincent L. Gigante, 29, was arrested and released on \$100,000 bail for the attempted murder of Frank Costello, the Prime Minister of crime.. A hitherto unknown painting by Albrecht Durer, the early sixteenth century German artist, has been found in the collection of Sir Edmund Bacon, Premier Baronet of England. The \$560,000 painting, depicting St. Jerome in the wilderness, had lain unrecognized for more than a century...Henry Curtis, 41, a prominent Bridgeport, Conn., business man, was charged with "renting out" his 18-year-old secretary, Joyce McMonigle, to business associates for immoral purposes. Mr. Curtis received \$120 a day in "rental fees" while paying Miss McMonigle \$45 a week, according to a police investigation... A fabulous \$100,000,000 drug-smuggling ring was smashed, with the indictment of 62 individuals including three U. S. customs agents, U. S. Attorney Paul W. Williams reported...Prince Alexandre, 15, son of former King Leopold of Belgium, underwent heart surgery at Children's Hospital in Boston, Mass. The procedure was to correct an obstruction of the great artery of the heart... Alice Duit, 16, of Brookhaven, Miss., shot and killed her father, Jim Duit, 45, a farmer and father of 12 children, after he beat her 6-year-old brother and mother because the boy had accidentally broken the family television... Mrs. Eisenhower's recovery from gynecological surgery was not progressing as rapidly as hoped for. Until she fully regains her strength orders were to avoid any unnecessary activity...To celebrate the first anniversary of his movie, "Around the World in 80 Days," showman Mike Todd is arranging "a little party for some intimate chums" for October 17. The "little party" will be





held in Madison Square Garden and "some intimate chums" will number 18,000... David Ozersky, a 16-year-old Brooklyn high-school student, was partially blinded at school when his classmate Maurice Kessler, a 17-year-old Negro out on bail on a morals charge, hurled a bottle of lye in his face, because Ozersky brought the charges against him. The victim's lawyer, former Magistrate Leo Healy, filed a \$500,000 suit against the N. Y. Police Department and Board of Education, charging that no action was taken by either the police or school authorities after Ozersky's mother had complained to them that Kessler was threatening and still assaulting her son while awaiting trial...Capt. George H. French, 36, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., Air Force veteran of two wars, was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment at a super-secret court-martial for trying to sell the Russians secrets about atomic weapons in U. S. jet bombers for \$27,500, the Air Force disclosed...Finns and lovers of music everywhere mourned the death of Jean Sibelius, 91, patriot and composer who evoked the mystical power of Finland's landscape in his music...Former President Harry S. Truman interpreted the recent Wisconsin Senate election as representing a trend that presaged more Democratic victories in Congressional and state elections next year...Band leader Artie Shaw, 47, took 38-year-old film actress Evelyn Keyes for his eighth wife...A letter from President Eisenhower has helped persuade Sir Winston Churchill to let his paintings be sent on tour of the United States and Canada...King Haakon VII of Norway, an old sailor who rode out the storms of invasion to reign more than half a century, died of a circulatory ailment at the age of 85...Dr. Roger Williams, president of the American Chemical Society, announced that potential alcoholics can be detected in children and the condition prevented by special diet adjustments...Grandma Moses, who first began to paint when she was in her 70s, observed her 97th birthday. She summed up her longevity: "Just work so hard that there's no time to worry. If you can't finish today, there's always tomorrow."









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## FROM THE EDITOR

As we watched and listened to the proceedings of the five-day conference of the Committee on Services for the Deaf-Blind of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind through the eyes and ears of Mrs. Morris of the Industrial Home for the Blind of Brooklyn, via Tellatouch, Block, and Manual, we were awed not only by what these distinguished deaf-blind men and women said, but by the way they said it. The parliamentary procedure which they followed--despite their compound handicaps--despite language and communication barriers--was nothing less than amazing. These outstanding deaf-blind men and women proved to the skeptical world that deaf-blindness is not a mental handicap but merely a physical condition which can be overcome to a great extent through proper training.

The purpose of the conference was not to change present methods which have proved acceptable and useful but to recommend an effective universal method for communication with the general public and also to consider additional methods for rapid conversation with personal friends and close associates, with the hope that coming generations may benefit.

The methods discussed were the One-Hand Manual Alphabet (American), the Two-Hand Manual Alphabet (British), Block, Lorm, Cross Code, the Alphabet Glove, the various forms of alphabet boards, discs, and speaking devices, and the enormous value of braille to those who can use it effectively. To evaluate some of these and future methods of communications, the Committee proposed that a neurological survey be made to determine the sensitivity of various parts of the hand and other areas of the body for best reception, whatever system may be used.

The members of the Committee were far-sighted enough to realize that much remains to be done. However, their accomplishments thus far have been



most encouraging. They recognize the possibilities of electronic and other devices and plan to initiate improvements in the devices now available. Jules Verne aptly said "What one man can conceive, another can do." Therefore, it is not rash to predict that the conversation machines ~~the~~ members of the Committee spoke about at the conference will one day materialize-- like Verne's Nautilus.

Of course, we do not expect any immediate utopian change to result from this conference, but we do feel that great strides in the right direction have been made.

Beginning with this issue TOUCH--AND GO will be published ten times a year, every month except July and September.

Miss Dinsmore and Betsy, who are now on vacation, will be back in the office in September and will join you again in the October issue. Until then, happy summer. Sam Chermak





## NEWS CAPSULES

When 7-year-old Benny Hooper fell into a well at Manorville, N. Y., everybody behaved admirably. Benny's neighbors worked  $23\frac{1}{2}$  hours to rescue him from the 21-foot hole his father had dug in the back yard. For some time afterward, everybody's conduct seemed just as admirable. The hospital where Benny recuperated refused to send a bill. A contractor who provided labor and machinery to dig a tunnel for the rescue told Benny's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hooper Sr., that everything was on the house. In a world of greed, the story of Benny was warm and beneficent.

Last month, some of the warmth chilled. The Hoopers got a bill from an anesthetist, 58-year-old Dr. Joseph H. Kris of Eastport, N. Y., for pumping oxygen down to Benny while he was in the well. The bill was \$1,500. The Hoopers were appalled. They couldn't possibly pay it. The public, when the Hoopers gave out the news, also was appalled. Dr. Edwin S. Hamilton, chairman of the trustees of the American Medical Association, said: "Not one doctor in a thousand would have charged a fee." Dr. David J. Wexler, president of Dr. Kris's own Suffolk County Medical Society, called the charge "exorbitant." In the U.S. Senate a Connecticut Republican, William A. Purtell, charged Dr. Kris with exacting "the last pound of flesh." Across the country, newspapers were flooded with calls from sympathizers offering to help the Hoopers pay. The alarmed Mediation Committee of the Suffolk County Medical Society held an emergency meeting. It ruled that Dr. Kris should withdraw his bill. Dr. Kris went along with the ruling.

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A bearded Indian herdsman walked into a small, white-painted shop in the southern Punjab town of Rothak one day last month and counted out twelve rupees (\$2.50)--wages for four full day's work. White-turbaned Sardari Lall, sitting cross-legged on a platform before the low counter, picked up a



chemist's old-fashioned balance, placed a metal 144-grain weight on one tray, and sliced off enough of a hard, brown substance to counterbalance the other tray. Then flicking the rupees into his till, he handed the small cake to the herdsman. The customer bit off a chunk, tucked the rest into his loin cloth, and walked out chewing contentedly. The herdsman was one of India's millions of opium eaters, happy to cut down food for opium to ease the aches and pains of backbreaking labor and chronic disease; Sardari Lall, 61, is one of thousands of government-licensed opium merchants. In some villages in northern India, where the habit is most deeply rooted, 60 per cent of the population is addicted.

But by government decree, time is running out for the legal opium trade. The government has launched a campaign to stamp it out. The daily maximum allowed a single addict already has been cut from 168 grains to 144; next March it will be reduced to 96 grains--and in March 1959, the sale of opium will be outlawed altogether.

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On April 19, 1956, Comdr. Lionel Crabb, a British frogman, disappeared at Portsmouth, England, after a dive near three Russian warships which had brought Nikita S. Khrushchev and Nikolai A. Bulganian to Britain. The British, answering a Russian protest, said the frogman's "presence \* \* \* occurred without any permission whatsoever," and expressed regret over the incident. Then last June 9, a headless, handless body in a frogman's suit was found floating in Chichester Harbor, fourteen miles away. Last month a coroner, having heard evidence, announced: "I am quite sure the remains \* \* \* were those of Commander Crabb." Still unsolved are the mysteries of why he was diving near the Soviet ships and how he died.

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The girl who captivates her boy friend into falling in love is really hypnotizing him, a doctor said. In fact, modern research in hypnotherapy shows that the secret of all sex appeal is hypnosis, he declared. The new lowdown





on love came from Dr. S.J. Van Pelt, president of the British Society of Medical hypnotists. In the current issue of the society's journal he remembered the "bad old days of stage hypnotism," when it was common to see a young man dancing with a broom under hypnosis--and even trying to kiss it. In real life the same kind of thing happens, Dr. Van Pelt said. Starry-eyed swains swear their girlfriends are angels, even though their friends warn they are just the opposite. The advice is usually ignored. Disillusionment comes when the reality of marriage dispels this happy picture. This might be the reason why so many movie stars marry and divorce so frequently, according to Dr. Van Pelt. He also cited the case of a wife with the obsession for bald men. She asked her husband--a tall, handsome type with wavy hair--to have "a Yul Brynner haircut." He refused. Then the wife had a breakdown. She was cured by hypnotherapy, which convinced her that the bald men no longer attracted her.

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The Italian composer Leoncavallo in 1892 wrote an opera that has become more than a classic. Its theme of the clown Pagliacci has been the very quintessence of the tragic strain that has run through the personal lives of all of our great American comics. For underneath the heavy layers of Max Factor makeup are hidden the tears of personal misfortune. There is no question that Red Skelton is a worthy successor to the self-exiled Charlie Chaplin. There is that Chaplinesque quality of sadness in the characters portrayed by Skelton. This sadness has been compounded recently by personal tragedy.

Skelton's son, 9, has been diagnosed as the victim of advanced leukemia. The medical authorities have given up all hope. They returned Skelton's son to his home without a trace of even calculated risk that recovery is possible. Red Skelton has decided to abandon any and all facets of his career and dedicate the remaining hours of his son's life toward compressing into them all of the basic enjoyments that can be corralled.



Alfred George Hinds, a 40-year-old bespectacled man with friends, is known all over Britain as the "Houdini" of present-day crime. Serving a twelve-year sentence for the \$100,000 robbery of a London furniture store, he has jumped jail no fewer than four times. On his third escape, a year ago, he broke out of Nottingham prison and eluded his pursuers for 248 days, until an underworld "squeaker" tipped off police to his hide-out in Ireland. In his months of freedom he bombarded the press, Members of Parliament, and even the television audience (via a taped recording of his voice) with his protestations of innocence.

In captivity again, Hinds, by last month, had wangled a new hearing in London's Law Courts with Master Grundy, the presiding magistrate. Twenty feet down the hall, unknown to the police, Hinds' brother Albert leaned casually against the wall. When the prisoner asked to go to the men's room, his guards thoughtfully removed the handcuffs from the chronic escapee. A guard opened the door for him. "After you," Hinds said politely. Moments later, the Hinds brothers had shoved both guards into the lavatory, flung their lunch sandwiches in after them ("You'll probably need these!" Alfred Hinds said) and slipped an iron bar through two eyelet screws that brother Albert had inserted in the heavy oak door. Less than five hours later inmates at London's Pentonville prison, where Hinds had been incarcerated prior to his escape, gave him an affectionate welcome home; after a blue-eyed receptionist at Bristol airport recognized him from a general alarm sent out over the British radio. The press and the public have not concealed their admiration for Houdini Hinds, and they are hoping--and betting--that he will do his disappearing act again.

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Already in the bad graces of Britons for his portrait of Prince Philip scowling, Italian artist Pietro Annigoni, 46, became the target of another protest. The reason: Annigoni, commissioned by Queen Mother Elizabeth to





paint her daughter Princess Margaret, hired a London show girl, 19-year-old Georgina Moore, who sometimes plays a nude in stage revues, to pose for the figure of the 26-year-old Princess. When British housewives cried that Anni-  
goni was dishonoring royalty, he piped: "Who is better for the job than a stage nude? She's trained to keep still." (Nudes must stand immobile on British stages or face arrest.) Georgina complained that she was never told she was substituting for Princess Margaret. "It's a complete mystery to me," she said. "My measurements are nothing like hers."

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William L. Moody, Jr., the Texas multi-millionaire who died three years ago at 89, had four children, and one of them, Mary, was far and away his favorite. They were bosom companions. Moody liked to fish, so Mary went fishing with him. Moody's real passion was business and finance, so Mary learned to manage banks, hotels, and insurance companies. Moody, for all his wealth (cotton, real estate, banking), was neurotically parsimonious. In a feminine counterpart of this parsimony, Mary refused to buy electrical appliances and wore cotton stockings. When Moody died, he provided handsomely for Mary and his other daughter, Libby, the wife of Rep. Clark Thompson of Galveston. He left the rest of his \$400 million estate to the Moody Foundation for medical research and education, cutting off his son, William L. Moody III, with a single dollar. The son had infuriated him by getting divorced; contesting an income-tax claim, thus getting the family's name in the papers, and going bankrupt. Mary shared her father's wrathful disapproval of her brother.

In 1956, Moody III brought suit to break the will. Last month, State District Judge William E. Stone approved a settlement under which the son, now 63, will get \$2,265,799.47 and his two daughters a total of \$1,375,179.51. Before Judge Stone could approve a settlement, all three children, and State Attorney General Will Wilson had to agree on the terms (under Texas Law, a





tax-exempt foundation technically belongs to "the people of Texas"). Wilson and Mrs. Thompson agreed readily. The question was whether the hostile Mary would. Many were astonished when she did. The reason finally came out. Her brother's suit could drag on for at least five more years; meanwhile, the Moody Foundation could not carry out her father's wishes. Faced with a bitter choice, Mary did what she thought her father would have wanted.

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Perched atop a rugged peak in Spain's Guadarrama Mountains, a 500-foot cross rises above a plain which Generalissimo Francisco Franco has named "The Valley of the Fallen." Floodlit, its granite shaft is visible from Madrid, 30 miles away. Most Spaniards know nothing of the colossal memorial on which some 2,000 men--many of them political prisoners--have labored for the past fifteen years under guard and behind forbidding fences which bar the valley from view. But those who claim to know liken the project to Egypt's mighty pyramids. Last month, Franco observed the 21st anniversary of the successful revolt he led against Spain's Republican Government by dedicating the monument to the one million dead of Spain's civil war.

Conceived by Franco, the edifice includes, besides the cross, a gleaming white marble esplanade leading down in turn to a vast, underground cathedral which tunnels nearly half a mile into the mountain's granite heart. The marble-lined crypt is hung with priceless tapestries and decorated with other objects d'art. It terminates in an immense mosaic-encrusted dome, rivaling in size and grandeur that of St. Peter's in Rome. Cost of the monument, and an adjoining monastery, never has been revealed. Gossip has it that an empty marble sepulcher beneath the glittering dome has been prepared as Franco's final resting place. And the real purpose of the stupendous display, so the gossip goes, is to give Franco enduring fame, whatever historians may think of him.

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## TRIVIA

ADVANTAGE - The executives at Columbia Records met to discuss their newest singer, Kenny Bowers, who wears a red goatee. Mitch Miller, bearded head of the popular music division, spoke of the advantage of the singer's beard: "If Bowers fails with his first record, we can change his name, cut off his beard--and try again with a new face."

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TAMING OF THE SHREW - Magistrate M.B.P. Van Reenen has ruled that an African houseboy committed no crime when he put herbs in his employer's tea to make her "more docile." Government chemists found the herbs had no ill effects. "No law appears to cover this matter," Van Reenen told the defendant. "You are found not guilty."

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IT FIGURES - A San Diego bachelor always shared his solitary cocktail hour with a parakeet which perched on the edge of his martini glass and chatted. The bird died recently, and the bachelor ordered an autopsy. The finding: cirrhosis of the liver.

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... THEN THE ROOF FELL - In Chelmsford, England, the conductor told the Women's Institute choir: "Sing as you've never sung before--raise the roof if you like." The ladies burst into song. But instead of rising, the auditorium roof fell. Four choir members went to the hospital with cuts and abrasions.

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WATER WAGON - Police in Cincinnati had little trouble tracing a car stolen recently, after owner George Wenzel said it could easily be identified by the two bathroom faucets he had fixed to its hood as ornaments.

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BARE FACTS - When asked what she thought of the latest Bikini bathing suits, actress June Havoc, sister of Gypsy Rose Lee, replied: "They give as much coverage as lapsed insurance policies."

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SPIRITS CHASE A SPIRIT - In Durban, South Africa, Emily Knosi, 45, pleaded guilty in Magistrate's Court to brewing six gallons of moonshine liquor. She said she had to have it because her dead husband's ghost wouldn't let her sleep at night.

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CALLING JIMMY VALENTINE - The Hardy County clerk of Elizabethtown, Ill., needs a good safecracker. Since last month when Clerk Luther Sheridan threw the combination switch on his 1926 office safe, nobody has been able to get marriage or birth certificates. They're locked inside along with other documents and money. Sheridan says he's lost the combination and the company that made the safe is out of business.

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HELP! BABY BITES DOG - The U. S. Armed Forces radio in Germany broadcast a notice saying: "Wanted: New owner for long-haired German Dachshund. Our baby bites the dog."

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TAXES - Former Commissioner of Internal Revenue Joe Nunan spoke at a dinner where the chairman introduced him to the standing audience this way: "Will all of you sit down--except those who can honestly say that every income tax return they've ever filled out was 100 per cent accurate. Those who can so swear, please stand." Every person in the room sat down.

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SHE GETS THE BIRD - Joey, pet bird of Mrs. Ann Becoskie, escaped. She telephoned the Ottawa Journal to put in a lost ad. She had come to the right place. The paper said Joey had flown in, made himself at home, and they had him safe in a cage made from a wire wastebasket.

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STORY ALL WET - A National Guardsman, traveling to Montague to aid in a rain-making project, stopped at the police barracks to phone home. The troopers at Athol, Mass., swear this was the conversation: "Ma? I'm on my way to Montague to make rain." "Oh, dear. I hope you haven't been drinking."

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TRIAL & ERROR - Mrs. Tamma Rowley, 78, of Janesville, Wis., got a divorce after telling the court that she simply "could not stand" Robert Rowley, 79, to whom she had been married for 56 years.

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HOME SERVICE - The Temple of Wisdom in Akron reported the theft of a poor box, \$300 in cash, and a \$250 mahogany pulpit.

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NOT WELL, ANYHOW - Salesman James Bernard Donohue, of Brisbane, Australia, was arrested for wearing a uniform and impersonating a policeman while selling advertising for a booklet entitled "Crime Does Not Pay."

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AN UNCERTAIN SMILE - In Plant City, Fla., Mrs. Lizzie B. Morgan, 52, on the way to her driving test, turned into a parking space, accelerated instead of braking, crashed into the building housing the automobile-licensing bureau.

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HARD LUCK - Ex-pugilist K.O. wrote the New Zealand Herald's editor: "With reference to the article, 'Supersititions Are Strong,' I can corroborate the power of amulets. The only time I was successful at boxing was when I had a lucky horseshoe in one of my gloves."

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TRY OUR PICK-ME-UP - In London, the New Statesman and Nation, in its entertainment column, carried a notice by the Unity Theater: "Burlesque--The Loudest Show in Town. Nightly police raids."

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KEEPING FIT - Fred Collins of Pittsburgh got four to eight months in the county workhouse for stealing a \$78.75 pension check from his cellmate in the North Side police station jail.

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SAFETY WALL - In Milan, Italy, a court ruled that a man is perfectly free to wall himself off from his wife. The court dismissed a desertion suit filed by a woman whose name was withheld and who said her husband had not abandoned their home but had built a wall dividing the apartment. The husband said his wife "insulted me, beat me up and made me afraid of her."

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## SPORTS SHOTS

If the Dodgers or Giants go through with their multimillion-dollar negotiations for pay TV, the rest of the National League will demand--and get--a share of the jackpot. League officials are bitter about the present unlimited TV policy which cuts down the gate receipts shared with the visiting clubs but give the visitors no TV cash...Billy Loes, Dodger castoff and American League All-Star pitcher, says the reason for his success is the size of the park in Baltimore. "Brooklyn was never like this. That cracker-box ballpark up there was tough. Anybody could hit one out of there. Here it's different," he said...Ford Frick, whose term as baseball's commissioner doesn't expire until Sept., 1958, was reelected during the major league meetings in St. Louis last month...Althea Gibson, 29, of New York, fulfilled her destiny at Wimbledon and became the first Negro to rule the world of tennis, by routing Darlene Hard, the Montebello (Calif.) waitress, 6-3, 6-2.. At the Polo Grounds, New York, on July 29th defending Heavyweight Champ Floyd Patterson retained his title by defeating challenger Tommy Jackson by a T.K.O. in the 10th...For 24 hours, it was feared that the nation's leading jockey, Willie Hartack, had broken his back after being thrown when his horse somersaulted at Arlington Park in Chicago. Later, X-rays showed that a "wing" of a vertebra had been fractured. Three days later, Hartack, wrapped in adhesive tape, rode Iron Liege to place, in the \$100,000 added Arlington Classic of July 13...In Hawaii, Australia's Olympic Swimming Champion Dawn Fraser broke her 100-yard world record with a time of 56.3, drove on to tie her 100-meter world record of 1:02. In the same meet Team-mate Lorraine Crapp, also an Olympic Champ, set a world record for the 800-meter grind in 10:24.3...Skipper Charles Ullman in his 50-ft. sloop Legend won the Trans-Pacific yacht race, from Los Angeles to Honolulu in 11 days 41 min 41 sec., logging 2,407 miles over the 2,225-mile course.





## MARGINALIA

Little Benny Hooper, the 9-year-old boy in the well, has been offered a screen test. Producer Robert Aldrich said Benny has the "kind of personality that if guided properly could give an actor-like performance."...Miss U.S.A., Leona Gage, 21, of Maryland, was disqualified from competing in the Miss Universe contest on the grounds she is married and has two children. Miss America's first marriage, at the age of 13, lasted one day...A House committee accused the Administration of gross negligence for failing to protect the public against the threat of radioactive fall-out. It called for construction of a multibillion-dollar system of air raid shelters...Mrs. Grace Coolidge, widow of former President Calvin Coolidge, died at 78...President Eisenhower is planning a library, similar to the newly established Truman Library, at Abilene, Kans., to house his official and private papers. Those papers which contain disparaging comments about living people will be kept secret "until that person has gone from the scene, too."...Nathan Leopold, 52, who has served 33 years in prison for one of America's most notorious murders, will be freed on parole in a few weeks. Leopold, a 19-year-old scion of a wealthy Chicago family, was convicted with a friend, Richard Loeb, 18, of the "thrill slaying" of Bobby Franks, 13, in 1924...Bell Telephone developed a transistor-powered pocket phone as small as a pack of cigarets...Charles Chaplin, Jr., 32, son of the famed actor, won a dismissal of a drunk charge because a benevolent Los Angeles judge believed it was his first offense, although he was arrested on a similar charge in 1948 and 1949...James M. Cox, 1920 Democratic Presidential nominee, died at 87. He was the first man to be elected Governor of Ohio for three terms...The House passed a bill giving a pay increase to more than half a million postal workers by a margin that would easily override a Presidential veto. The Senate gave unanimous consent



to admit the measure to its calendar, making increased postal rates almost a certainty...Medical X-rays have brought the average American one-third closer to the danger limit from accumulated radiation than had been believed, a preliminary report by the National Academy of Sciences disclosed...Marie Dionne, 23, frailest and shyest of the four surviving Dionne quintuplets, is recovering after her release from a Montreal hospital where she was treated for a nervous breakdown...Kenneth Roberts, America's leading historical novelist, died at 71. He received a 1957 Pulitzer Prize special citation for his "creation of greater interest in American history."...Film actress Ava Gardner, 34, received a Mexican divorce from singer and actor Frank Sinatra, 39, after nearly four years of separation...Frederick John Kasper, Northern exhorter of white supremacy, and six of his East Tennessee followers were adjudged guilty of stirring community disorders in violation of a Federal Court injunction enforcing racial integration at a Tenn. public high school...Aga Khan III, the millionaire spiritual leader of 20 million Ismaili Moslems, died in Geneva, Switzerland, at 79...Airman Donald Wheeler, of Cortez, Colo., stationed in Japan, was sentenced to four months of hard labor, loss of \$200 in pay, was reduced in rank from third class to private for refusing to get a "white sidewall" haircut...An impressive array of Soviet-built military equipment was paraded through the streets of Cairo in commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the Egyptian young officers' revolution...Biophysicists at Tulane University have achieved "promising" results in attempts to create a "super animal." By subjecting chickens to doses of radiation, they have increased their muscular tissue from 35 per cent to the body's constituents of 45 per cent...Mrs. Joanne Connelley Sweeny Ortiz Patino, 26, New York's most publicized glamour deb of 1948, died of a heart attack in her villa in Switzerland...The Defense Department disclosed that our "meanest and dirtiest" nuclear weapon is a 60-megaton bomb, equivalent to 60 million tons of TNT,





to be used solely for "massive retaliation."...Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy died with an estate of a little more than \$5,000 and owing \$1,000, according to his 11-line will which was probated last month...Catherine T. Murphy, 35, daughter of Robert D. Murphy, Deputy Undersecretary of State, was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound at her parents' home in Washington...Aldo Togliatti, 28, the devoutly Catholic son of Italy's Communist leader, Palmiro Togliatti, returned to the home of his abandoned mother and said that despite three years of "psychological treatment" in Russia and Hungary he still intended to become a priest...Col. John C. Nickerson, Jr., 41, the Army missile expert convicted of "leaking" defense secrets, was reassigned to the Panama Canal Zone where he will be barred from top secret and secret information...President Carlos Castillo Armas of Guatemala, 42, was shot to death in his Guatemala City Palace by a guard who then committed suicide...John Todd, who played Tonto, the trusty Indian alongside the Lone Ranger in more than 2,500 half-hour radio shows during the '30s and '40s, died at 80...Capt. Kenneth Chandler, 33, a Korean War ace rang up a new Bendix Trophy record of 679.053 miles an hour as the Air Force put on one of its greatest demonstrations of power in a 50th anniversary celebration...Gen. MacArthur's first wife, the former Louise Cromwell, is suing her fourth husband for divorce. He is Col. Alf Heiberg, a former Air Force band leader...Torrential rains fell on the southern Japanese island of Kyushu on July 27th, leaving 953 persons dead or missing. A day later, in Mexico City, earthquakes and floods, the most violent in modern Mexican history, killed at least 125 persons and injured 600...The U.S. granted an export license to 29,000 doses of Salk vaccine to help control a threatening polio epidemic in Hungary, the World Health Organization said...The American Bar Association members in London decided at a meeting, from which Mr. Warren was absent, to wear formal dress for Prime Minister MacMillan's speech. They forgot to tell the Chief Justice about it and he wore a bright chocolate-colored suit. 15







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## MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

There is a radio program on the Mutual Network called "Party Line." It starts at twelve midnight and ends at 5:30 A.M. During this time a man who calls himself "Long John" interviews one or two guests on subjects of varying interest. At stated intervals a few telephone calls are taken from listeners and questions are answered over the air. Some of the topics are humorous, some weird, while others are highly informative. Although there is a good deal of give-and-take in the conversations, Long John does a great deal of talking and it is amazing to know that anyone can keep up a continuous flow of conversation for five and a half hours, particularly in the early morning hours.

In some ways it is easier to give a long speech than to have to crowd everything into a few minutes. Preparing a seven minute speech can take longer than writing one to last an hour! At the meeting of the American Association of Workers for the Blind in Chicago this summer I shall be giving a seven minute speech along with others on a panel, some of whom are members of the Committee on Services for the Deaf-Blind of the World Council of Welfare of the Blind. Of the eight speakers on the panel, four are deaf-blind. A news release issued by the Industrial Home for the Blind just received gives the following information:

DEAF-BLIND VISITORS AND THEIR COMPANIONS FROM HOLLAND, ENGLAND, CANADA, AND THE UNITED STATES, MEETING TOGETHER IN A UNIQUE FORUM AT THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND CONVENTION IN CHICAGO ON JULY 9 AND LATER IN A WEEK LONG CONFERENCE IN BROOKLYN FROM JULY 15 THROUGH 19

For the first time in history, as far as we can learn, a group of distinguished deaf-blind men and women are joining together in an effort to devise a simple method of communication for use with and by deaf-blind people throughout the world, and to discuss other problems related to deaf-blindness.

Each of these visitors will have an important contribution





to make and each has already expressed many thoughts which make it clear that the conference may have a lasting effect.

The participants will be:

Mr. Arthur R. Sculthorpe, General Secretary, National Deaf-Blind Helpers' League, Peterborough, England, accompanied by Mr. Edward Evans, M.P., President of this organization, who will also be joining in the discussion.

Dr. Gerrit van der Mey, of Holland, mathematician employed by the Netherlands Telephone & Telegraph Services Laboratories, accompanied by Dr. W. L. van der Poel, engineer with the same company. These two men have developed an ingenious device which adapts a machine similar to our Tellatouch to telephone communication, calling it "The Braille Telephone."

Mr. Peter J. Salmon (Chairman of the Committee), Executive Director of the Industrial Home for the Blind, Brooklyn, who established a program for deaf-blind adults, one of the first of its kind in America.

Mr. Richard Kinney, Instructor with the Hadley School for the Blind, Winnetka, Illinois, who has accomplished a great deal during the few years of his recent deaf-blindness.

This group, accompanied by others of the staff of the Industrial Home for the Blind, will be visiting several places of interest together in the United States and Canada, and will be joined by other deaf-blind persons in Chicago, including Mrs. Marjorie McGuffin who will be representing the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Throughout the Chicago convention and the Brooklyn conferences, others connected with work for the deaf-blind will be participating fully. These will include Miss Annette B. Dinsmore, Consultant, Services for the Deaf-Blind, American Foundation for the Blind, staff members of the Industrial Home for the Blind, Brooklyn, and workers from other agencies interested in the program. During the conference in Brooklyn, beginning on July 15, Mr. Sam Chermak, Editor of "Touch--And Go" will join the group.

We hope that all of you will be thinking of us on July 9 and during the following week. We hope that the summer will bring all of you rest, relaxation and sunshine.

Annette B. Dinsmore



## NEWS CAPSULES

While the Western allies debated nuclear bombs and rockets, Sweden belatedly disclosed a "secret weapon" of its own developed during World War II: Seals with warheads. The idea was to capture young seals, train them, arm them with explosives, and send them off to hunt down enemy submarines. At the request of the Swedish Navy, Stockholm's Royal Institute of Animal Medicine experimented with various methods of attaching depth charges to the slippery, streamlined animals. Finally a special "explosive harness" was developed. Next, the Navy trained the seals to chase subs by tying bunches of herring to the underseas craft and sending the mammals in pursuit. They sped straight to the target. "The seals cooperated beautifully--to a point," a Swedish Navy spokesman said. There was just one hitch. No amount of training would induce the seals to nuzzle against a submarine that was not suitably garnished with herring.

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When Stalin's Russia was claiming "firsts" in almost every field of human endeavor, the old dictator issued an order that Soviet climbers must beat the British to the top of Mount Everest, the world's highest peak, and plant a "peace flag" on its 29,002-foot summit to propagandize a Stalin "peace offensive." After months of training, a 160-man Soviet expedition began the climb from the unexplored northern approach. In December 1952, the Russians radioed they had reached 26,400 feet, and hoped to scale the summit within two days. Nothing more was heard. Six months later, on the eve of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, Edmund Hillary, a New Zealander, and Tenzing Norkay, a Sherpa, raised the British and Nepalese flags on Everest's crest. Last month, in Warsaw, a polish climber provided the first clue to the Soviet expedition's fate. All 40 men in the actual climbing party, he said, were lost, presumably in an avalanche. Sir John Hunt, who led the





successful British ascent, said: "I think there is some truth in the story..  
.We always thought that any attempt on Everest from the north was asking for  
disaster."

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Forced on the wagon by court order, Rusty, a central figure in a novel  
law suit, is in no mood for obvious gags about a dog's life. Rusty is an  
Irish setter. His current state of gloom springs from the fact that he has  
not had a drink since October. Until that time, he had been a regular  
customer at a pub in Watson's Bay, Australia, a harborside suburb. His  
private tin of beer was set out for him nightly. Then, alas, Rusty was  
stretched out comfortably on the floor one night--the only patron accorded  
this privilege--when John James Mallon, a broker, tripped over him and  
broke his arm. The broker sued for \$12,000 and collected \$1,500. The judge  
hearing the case held that Rusty could be described as a regular customer  
because a place was provided for him daily, and his beer was set aside. And  
Rusty has not showed his cold nose at the bar since the accident. Other  
patrons miss him. Said one, characterising him as a moderate drinker, "We  
all loved Rusty. And drink never affected him adversely." Unhappily for the  
beery bowwow, he was exclusively a social drinker. His owner says the dog  
will not touch the stuff at home, preferring milk.

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"Uganda," Sir Winston Churchill once said, "is a fairy tale. You climb  
up a railway instead of a beanstalk and there is a wonderful new world.  
Most of all, the people are different." Although civilization has come with  
a rush since British explorers first discovered the mountainous, mid-African  
land 95 years ago, and some of its native Baganda tribesmen now wear Western  
clothes, drive cars, and have electricity, Uganda remains truly different.  
For one thing, many of its people still believe in witchcraft, sometimes of  
a quite gruesome variety. Only two years ago a native plantation owner  
was charged with kidnapping and killing two little girls, boiling their flesh





away, and using hand and foot bones to chase evil "talking" spirits from his ill wife's body. Since then, the British colonial authorities and native police have redoubled efforts to stamp witchcraft out. In a court at Buddu last month, witnesses who included a school principal and two African priests related what sounded like the weirdest account of voodoo yet. At a native school, their testimony went, students who had been making fun of a new girl pupil suddenly fell into trances. Some scaled walls, climbed trees, hung from branches like monkeys, "ran so fast they seemed to be flying," the witnesses said. For a price, the girl reportedly offered to call off the spell. Two pupils who paid had their heads anointed with leaves, promptly became normal. The others, said the educator and the priest, got worse. In all, some 30 were affected. Some of their parents also were reported to be throwing fits. The school was closed and a "counter-witch doctor," escorted by police, descended on the home of the girl and her parents. A wide assortment of strange devices and herbs was found, the court was told, and when all were destroyed, everyone returned to normal. The judge sentenced the parents to five years in jail, the girl to twelve strokes of the cane. Still, there were not many in Uganda last month who believed that the old black magic was dead.

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As one part of its role in the 1957--58 International Geophysical Year, the U. S. has so far dispatched to the Antarctic twelve naval vessels and 40 planes, 338 trained military personnel and distinguished scientists, and two \$9.5 million expeditions. One purpose of the trips is to discover whether the unexplored white continent contains ore and mineral deposits worth mining. Findings reported up to last month: None. On April 29, however, The New York Times front-paged the news that a vein of strategic, high-quality manganese had been unexpectedly discovered in the Antarctic last January. The discoverer was the author of the story, Walter Sullivan,



a jovial, 39-year-old reporter who has covered three expeditions to the South Pole for The Times. Strolling by a penguin rookery, Sullivan had kicked a rock loose with a pair of \$16.50 boots paid for by his newspaper. "I used to collect ore as a kid," said the proud explorer, the only man who has yet bothered to bring an Antarctic specimen home for assay. "It was obviously an interesting rock."

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Californians didn't doubt for an instant that she was guilty. The evidence was overwhelming that Barbara Graham had pistol-whipped an elderly woman to death. Few doubted, also, that she deserved death in the gas chamber. What did horrify Californians, however, was the way the state carried the sentence out. Twice, the blond gun moll got last-minute reprieves. One came after she had been strapped into a chair in the execution room. She was carried back to her cell almost dead from terror. She was finally executed on June 3, 1955. This cat-and-mouse game with a human being gave impetus to an already strong movement to abolish capital punishment. The movement got even sharper stimulus two months ago when a reprieve for Burton W. Abbott, killer of a schoolgirl, arrived one minute too late. Last month the California assembly passed a bill declaring a six-year moratorium on capital punishment for most major crimes. During this period the legislature would study the effect of the moratorium on crime rates, and then decide whether to make it permanent. If the state senate approves the bill and Gov. Goodwin J. Knight signs it, the death sentence will be limited to persons over 17 who are convicted of first-degree murder for the second time, killers of kidnap victims, slayers of policemen or prison guards while trying to escape, and anyone assaulting a guard or prisoner while serving a life sentence. Twenty-one of the 23 men now in San Quentin Prison's death row would leave it for life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. (The other two killed guards while trying to escape).





In the predawn still of June 30, 1934, two Bavarian leaders of Adolf Hitler's brawling brown-shirted ~~Stonn~~ Storm Troopers (SA) were jerked from their beds by SS Elite guards and hustled to the Fuhrer's Munich headquarters. Hitler himself was waiting there. Shrieking "traitor," he ripped off their Nazi insignia and ordered them shot. So began the "Night of the Long Knives" --Hitler's bloodiest party purge. Within a few hours, seven top officers of the SA, including its plug-ugly commander, Capt. Ernst Roehm (a notorious homosexual), and hundreds of others were gunned down. One authoritative estimate put the number executed at 1,067, those jailed 1,124. Hitler's path to absolute power then was clear. Last month, nearly 23 years later, two of Hitler's chief triggermen--ex-SS Col. Gen. Joseph (Sepp) Dietrich, now 65, and ex-SS Col. Michael Lippert, 60, went on trial in a Bavarian criminal court. They were charged with helping stage the massacre. Court action had been delayed because both were serving allied war-crime sentences (Dietrich for directing the Malmedy massacre of 142 unarmed U.S. soldiers in World War II; Lippert in connection with the shooting of sixteen civilians in the Netherlands). The testimony cast a cold beam of light on the workings of the Nazi mind. Dietrich told the court he was "amazed" when Hitler handed him a list of men he was to have shot, but raised no questions. "Didn't you ask if they had been tried?" asked the judge. "No," replied Dietrich. "I accepted the Fuhrer's order as evidence that they had committed high treason...Anyway, if I had refused the order, I never would have left alive."

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One of Manhattan's most mysterious citizens, aging (66), ailing Frank Costello, commonly termed a gambler and tax-dodger because no more nefarious raps have been officially pinned upon him, has long been ripe for rubbing out. Now free on \$25,000 bail while appealing a tax-evasion conviction (five years), Costello, a charmed-life anachronism from the Prohibition Era, could see signs that he had outlived his right to be known as "prime



minister of the U.S. underworld." The obvious way for upstart mobsters to hasten the crumbling of Kingpin Costello's dark empire of crime and rackets would begin with the elimination of the Big Boss himself. Costello taxied last month from a quiet on-the-town evening to his apartment house on Manhattan's Central Park West. In the building's vestibule an ill-wisher met Costello, plunked one .38 slug into his head at ten-foot range, departed in a black cadillac. The bullet, a hatband-guided missile, burrowed like a chigger in a short curve underneath Costello's scalp and came out at the other side of his head without even nicking his skull. At week's end 60 detectives had poor prospects of finding the bungling gunman before he himself was liquidated by Costello's boys, or his frustrated employers. Costello, his feelings more wounded than his noggin, professed amazement over the incident: "I don't have an enemy in the world." Frankie's best guess on whodunit: "I got some dry holes--supposed to be oil wells--in Wise County, Texas. Maybe some big oil company thinks those wells have oil and tried to bump me off!"

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Prof. S. Braines, a Soviet scientist, advanced the theory that large amounts of sleep, even when artificially induced, could cure the effects of premature aging, and even revive sexual activity. Writing in the Literary Gazette, he said personal hygiene and proper food are important in preventing premature aging, but stressed that "the importance of sleep has been underestimated so far." He believes senility comes from "overstraining the main nerve processes in the cortex of the cerebrum" and that the damage to the nervous system can be repaired by much sleep. Prof. Braines said he had taken a 15-year-old dog in a state of senility and restored it to good health through artificial sleep treatments for three months. "The dog has by now lived six years above the age limit and is now 21 years old, possessing all useful functions," he reported.





## TRIVIA

ROLLING STONE- Anna MacAlwine, 26, of Pittsburgh, was flattered when the customer at the bar admired her \$135 diamond engagement ring, passed it over for a better look, gaped when he dropped it, seemed to kick it across the floor, out the door and, she told police, off into the night.

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WAY TO A MAN'S HEART - After he recovered from seven doses of arsenic poured by his wife while he was sick, William Oliver of Birmingham agreed that she be released in his custody for four years, rather than serve a two-year prison term, commented fondly: "I love my wife now more than ever."

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2.99 CHEERS - In Olavarria, Argentina, after a cement factory's safety committee gave 2,000 workers a luncheon celebrating the end of a year without accidents, over 1,000 came down with food poisoning.

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LAST CHANCE - James Robert McMullin, 37, of Kansas City, Mo., complained that his two companions robbed him of \$8 while all three were being taken to jail in a patrol wagon.

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AFTER HOURS - Patrolman Thomas W. Hill of Cleveland admitted to police that he shot and killed his wife, but balked at further questions because the day of the shooting was his day off, "and what I do on my day off is my own business.

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SECOND THOUGHTS - In Cincinnati, Herschel Andrews, 22, on his way to the hospital after a 75-ft. plunge from a chimney scaffolding, was asked his occupation, replied, "Ex-steeplejack," was asked when he decided this,





murmured, "About half-way down."

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MEANWHILE . . . - James Tipton Proffitt, of Knoxville, Tenn., held pending his hearing on a charge of drunken driving, asked to work in the paint shop next to the jail, was found in a state of bliss two hours later next to an empty can of paint thinner.

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WARM UP - In Piedmont, Italy, where the National "Hearty Eaters" competition is being held, one contestant attracted heavy betting by putting away a trial meal of 20 artichokes, 200 pickles, 15 mushrooms, 20 slices of smoked tongue, four portions of meat-filled dumplings, two bowls of rice, two helpings of hog's pudding, three helpings of boiled beef and chili, one chicken, three helpings of veal with salad, 1 lb. of cheese, half a pie, a bowl of fruit, a gallon of wine, three glasses of cognac, four cups of coffee.

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CLEARANCE SALE - Mrs. Ingeborg Luise Wenskowski, 35, of Sydney, Australia, got a divorce on testimony that her husband offered her to a friend for \$495, on a time payment plan.

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RESTAUROCRACY - Restaurant Association President Tony Smith of Chicago announced that in his own restaurant waitresses are now called "hostesses," the hostesses "food service directors," the busboys "table servicemen," the dishwashers "utensil maintenance men."

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AROUND END, NO GAIN - In Baltimore, Anthony Caminiti angrily tore his parking ticket into shreds, muttering, "If I've got to pay it, I guess I can do what I want with it." was promptly arrested for littering the streets.



## BETSIE BARKS

Hello! How are you? Do you like flowers?

There are lots of flowers at the shore. They are pink and white and red and yellow. They grow all around the house. They grow up some poles. They grow over the fence. If you try to go through the fence, the flowers prick you. It is better to go around.

Last week the Boss and I took a long walk. There was a store and there were flowers all over. They stood up in pots--big pots and little pots. They had pretty colors and they smelled good too.

A man in the store told the Boss all the names of the flowers. The names were funny. I can't remember them. The Boss can't remember them either.

The man helped the Boss pick out some little pots. They had different flowers in them. They had pink flowers, purple flowers, and white ones. We took them home.

The Boss dug holes in the yard. Then she stood the flowers up in the holes instead of in the pots, and pushed some dirt in around them. I wanted to help. But the Boss said the holes I dig are too big.

The Boss says our yard is a garden now. The flowers are standing up and they are pretty. Do you think they will stay?

Maybe the flowers will fall off.

Thank you and goodbye

Betsie Dinsmore





## SPORTS SHOTS

The Dodgers and the Giants received permission from the National League to switch their respective bases of operation to Los Angeles and San Francisco, provided that they request the shifts before Oct.1, 1957 and that they make the moves together. If and when the Polo Grounds are vacated, the Redlegs may move in...The Cards became the owners of another pair of sensational brother pitchers (like the Deans of the Nineteen Thirties) by signing up 18-year-old schoolboy, Von McDaniel of Oklahoma; the older brother, Lindy, 20, was signed in 1955...Herb Score left the hospital just three weeks after his right eye was injured by a line drive in a night game against the Yanks. The damage was diagnosed as a swollen retina, and it will require additional time before the exact extent of the effect of Score's vision, if any, will be known...The Senators sold outfielder Karl Olson to the Red Sox for an undisclosed amount of cash. The deal set off a chain reaction which saw Olson wind up with Detroit...Ted Williams has three basic rules for hitting: No. 1, get a good ball to hit; No. 2, up to two strikes, if a pitcher has a real good pitch, take it; No. 3, if you have two strikes on you, concede something to the pitcher, choke up on your bat and try to hit the ball through the middle...College baseball may shift from spring to fall--the spring season is too short for collegians, so the logical answer is to play the sport in the fall...Thirty-six-year-old Cuban righthander Sandy Consuegra was bought by the Giants from the Orioles for \$15,000...Ray Robinson became the world middleweight boxing champion for the fourth time by scoring a five-round knockout over Gene Fullmer the defending titleholder, at Chicago Stadium...All the records in the Indianapolis 500-mile race book were broken as 42-year-old Sam Hanks drove a Yellow Belond Exhaust Special to victory in the forty-first edition of the famous automobile event, with a record-breaking average of 135 miles an hour.



## MARGINALIA

In closed session testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Henry J. Taylor, ambassador to Switzerland, declared that reports on flying saucers were not to be laughed off, that there is something disturbing and mysterious going on in the heavens....A study group of the House Foreign Affairs Committee charged that the Eisenhower Administration had lost "the opportunity of our generation" by failing to act more decisively--hesitating to urge strong UN action--against Hungary's Communist rulers during the Hungarian revolution last fall...C.L. Sulzberger of The New York Times said that Russia's financial troubles are growing worse because of huge costs of armaments and help to satellites and other nations. That may produce a new "peace offensive" to ease tensions and reduce costs. "but worthwhile settlement must be carefully negotiated."...Dr. Linus Pauling, a Nobel Prize-winning scientist, said Great Britain's proposed H-Bomb tests could cause 1,000 fatal cases of leukemia around the world, and if all hydrogen weapons tests are not banned, the coming generation will give birth to an additional 200,000 feeble-minded children and 20,000 others will develop bone cancer... According to columnist Drew Pearson, the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy wanted to die, otherwise "he would not have stuck to his diet of whisky had he wanted to live."..."Terrible Johnny" Torrio, dean of Chicago's Prohibition-era gang leaders, who brought Al ("Scarface") Capone from Brooklyn as a \$75-a-week mug, tutored him, later (1925) bequeathed him his underworld empire and title of Public Enemy No.1, died of a heart attack at 75...Dr. Edward L. Bortz, former AMA president, said that after a while we are all going to live to be 125 to 150 years old...Professor J. C. Cooke, a British Mathematician, told the Science Society of Malaya that flying saucers are controlled by intelligent beings from outer space...Before his parents announced he





would not answer any more questions on a TV quizz, Robert Strom, 10, a science prodigy of N.Y., won the biggest TV jackpot--\$192,000...When in an argument the woman occupying the upstairs apartment addressed Pierre Blanchet, 40, of Paris, with the greatest of all French insults: "You are not a man," he killed her. Paris public opinion was unanimous that, instead of a five-year prison sentence, he should have received the Legion of Honor... Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip will visit the U.S. for about 10 days in early October, according to plans worked out between Washington and London... Ezio Pinza, the great basso of the Metropolitan Opera and leading man of "South Pacific," died at 65...Claude Haney, 41, father of ten children and an unemployed mechanic of Charlotte, N.C., was sentenced to twelve months in prison for trying to blackmail his teen-age daughter's 67-year-old lover, Earl H. Graves, a retired railroad worker...Bobby, a 4-year-old mongrel, became the richest dog in the world when his late mistress, Mrs. Ruth A. Maurer, of Reading, Pa., who picked him up from the local humane society as a pup, left her \$50,000 estate in his name...Erich von Stroheim, 71, the film world's most noted portrayer of Prussian army officers, died of cancer at his home near Paris...After carrying on a clandestine romance in a literal tunnel of love which they had dug below Kansas State Penitentiary to connect the male and female sections of the institution, convicted murderer Thomas Cotton and Martha Stachura, 27, serving a one-to-five-year term, escaped when she discovered she was an expectant mother. They were apprehended in California when they staged a holdup with a toy pistol... The first atomic submarine designed for fleet service and assembly-line production was launched at Groton, Conn., and christened the Skate...J. Edgar Hoover in his annual report stated that arrests of juveniles--those under 18--went up last year by 17 per cent; that in 1956 there was a major robbery, murder, or rape in the U.S. every 12.3 seconds...After truck





farmer Ernest Mills of Herrin, Ill., told his wife that he had dreamed his truck was stolen, the police called him in the morning and confirmed his dream...A Congressional inquiry was told that the Soviet Union would be capable of delivering a hydrogen bomb attack in the Nineteen Sixties that could kill 82,000,000 persons, half of them from radiation...At an astronomers' meeting at the Vatican, Pope Pius XII urged leading astronomers from Mount Wilson, Palomar and other U.S. observatories to read in the stars a message written by God, to see the spiritual values of the heavens besides "science, which is not all truth."...The Government's case against Johnny Dio, labor racketeer, charged with conspiracy in the acid-blinding of Victor Riesel, all but collapsed when Gondolfo Miranti, an earlier co-defendant who was due to be a key witness, refused to testify, for which he drew a five-year sentence for contempt of court...Ralph J. Cordiner, president of the General Electric Company, charged that "waste," "false reasoning" and "politics" dominated the nation's defense program. He laid the responsibility to the Pentagon, some members of the business community and the Eisenhower Administration...The five-room pine house in Lamar, Mo., bought by mule trader John Truman for \$685 where his eldest son Harry S. Truman was born 73 years ago, was purchased by the United Automobile Workers Union for \$6,000 for a national shrine...Lawrence Madsen, 14, of Chicago, the "nice boy from downstairs," confessed luring a 2-year-old girl into his basement den and strangling her "because I just wanted to."...John Cooney, 29, of Cedarhurst, N.Y., a phone company wire splicer whose right arm was amputated after an accident on the job, was awarded \$250,000 by a jury in Nassau Supreme Court...The Presbytery of New York ordained its first woman minister, Mrs. Elizabeth Sullivan Ehling, director of Christian Education at the Church of the Master...President Eisenhower nominated Lieut. Gen Thomas S. Power to head the Strategic Air Command, succeeding Gen. Curtis LeMay.









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## MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

Recently I met a woman who spent much of her girlhood in Korea prior to the war. Her father was stationed there as an engineer and she learned the Korean dialects almost before she spoke English or her native language, Norwegian. She told delightful stories of life in that far-away country, the most entertaining of which were descriptions of the pranks of their magpies, those saucy rascals who are also known in America as well as throughout Europe and Asia.

The family pig, fattened up through the summer for fall slaughtering, was served his food in a large trough. The magpies would assemble in relays--three of them would tickle the pig's rear to distract his attention while the rest enjoyed a feast from the trough. The teasers would be relieved by others who undertook the duty of annoying the pig to give all a fair chance at a meal. Somehow the pig managed to gain weight in spite of the thieves.

The magpies adopted a row of young poplars and made a game for themselves. One bird was assigned to each of the saplings to sit on the tip. Then in turn each magpie would sway back and forth until the tip touched the ground. At that instant the bird would hop off and the tree would spring back with a "ping." Again the magpie took his place on the tree to repeat the performance. However, no two trees were brought to the ground at the same moment and the effect was that of running up and down a scale of music.

The greatest sport that these ingenious magpies engaged in, though, was a game they played resembling baseball. Dozens of the birds flew around in circles, one of them carrying a shiny object--the "ball"--in his beak. At a definite point he dropped the "ball" and the whole flock swooped down after it, covering the ground with fluttering black wings. The bird who was skillful enough to catch the "ball" swept back up into the sky followed





by the rest of the "team." It was a one-sided baseball game with few rules, but appropriate to spring and summer activities.

Perhaps these magpies are practicing to compete with the Yankees or the Dodgers. In any case, the season is now on! Play ball! Let the crowds cheer--until the World Series settles the contest next fall!

Annette B. Dinsmore

Note: Reports on trips taken recently and those planned for the future will be included in the June issue.



## NEWS CAPSULES

Jonathan Daniels, editor of the Raleigh (N.C.) News and Observer, chose the twelfth anniversary of Franklin D. Roosevelt's death last month to explain his suppression of photographs which foreshadowed the President's death. Daniels, the F.D.R.'s executive assistant, said Army Signal Corps pictures, the only ones taken at wartime Yalta, had been flown home, where he had released to the press "only those least marked by the deadly haggard weariness of the Commander...I held back the most shocking...I should have been warned by them. I was not. I had...almost a sense of his immortality." Later last month, Daniels defended his censorship: "I was only carrying out my proper function...I wanted F.D.R. to look as well as anybody's boss."

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NBC-TV's Outlook, narrated by commentator Chet Huntley, turned national attention on a shocking case of juvenile crime and punishment. The crime was the wanton beating to death of a 17-year-old Negro youth by a pack of 15 Chicago youths, aged 15 to 20, who capriciously set out one night last month to "get ourselves a nigger." The punishment demanded by the State's Attorney Ben Adamowski of Illinois' Cook County was death in the electric chair for all 15. Soberly and quietly, Prosecutor Adamowski told Outlook: "I shudder as a father, but I've got to treat with criminals as we find them, and impose a man's punishment for a man's crime." How deep-seated is the disease that could warrant such drastic treatment? Outlook suggested an answer by interviewing an 18-year-old in jail for burglary, a member of one of the wolf packs of as many as 100 members that prey on Chicagoans and on each other with guns, crowbars, chains and knives. Why do they do it? For kicks. Why did he join? "I had to." And if he had not joined? "They'd call me chicken. And after-





wards, every time they saw me they'd beat the hell out of me."

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Goateed jazz trumpeter John (Dizzy) Gillespie's eight-week tour of Middle Eastern and Balkan countries last year for the State Department set off angry protests in Congress. The reason: During Congress's annual battle over the Federal budget, the State Department reported that it had picked up the \$100,839 tab that Dizzy and his sixteen bandsmen ran up during their good-will mission abroad. (Out of the \$100,839, Dizzy got \$2,150 a week.) Response to Dizzy's sometimes frantic brand of jazz was so enthusiastic that the State Department later gave the band a \$40,000 subsidy to tour South America. New York's Democratic Rep. John J. Rooney protested that Dizzy should not have been given a weekly salary higher than that paid to even President Eisenhower (\$1,923 a week). At home in New York, Dizzy explained: "The State Department told us nobody would make a profit. I took the job at an absolute minimum. It was worth it, because the trip fostered good relations. I was a patriot to do it."

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Six years ago in Washington, legal secretary Pauline Goebel, 53, met handsome Harold Berney, who claimed to be a manufacturer of TV antennas--with a secret. After their friendship was firmly established, Harold told Pauline of his amazing exploits; that he actually visited Venus via a flying saucer, spent two weeks there, and learned the principle of the the "Modulator"--the Venutian method of producing power, more potent than atomic energy, from the atmosphere. If only he had capital... Realizing the potentialities of the Modulator, Miss Goebel handed over her life savings of \$38,000, rounded up other investors and formed the Modulator Corp. Last October Berney informed Miss Goebel that he had to return to Venus for technical help. A month later Berney's wife received a package from Eagle Pass, Texas, containing some of Harold's personal



effects, \$300 and a letter signed by an official of Venus stating that Barney had died. This information was relayed to Miss Goebel, to the stockholders and even to President Eisenhower. Last January Mrs. Berney received a letter from her husband with the happy news that he was alive; that those ingenious Venutians had brought him back to life after his death. This resurrection was too much for Mrs. Berney and for the stockholders. The FBI was called in. Last month the FBI picked up Berney, a well-known embezzler and con man, in Mobile, Ala., and presented to a grand jury a mass of fantastic evidence, including the manuscript of a book "Two Weeks on Venus."

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For the last ten years Luis Ignacio Andrade was a name that sent chills up thousands of Colombian spines. The police under his Ministry of Government slaughtered Liberals by the hundreds and when freedom-hungry Colombians killed his blood-thirsty, trigger-happy policemen, Andrade declared publicly: "Ten Liberals must die for every dead policeman"--and he kept his word. When doctors in 1948 told him that his wife was incurably ill of cancer and would die in three months, Andrade promised in prayer that if his wife could live a year he would leave politics and join the Clarettian Order of the Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. She lived until last year. Last month Luis Andrade, 63, taking the name of Brother Anselmo, bade farewell to his political friends and began the humble life of a monk.

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Mose Martin, 40, an employe of a TVA steam plant in Shelbyville, Tenn., began complaining of intolerable stomach pains. In his world of superstition and voodoo, only the infamous witch doctor, Simon Warner, 59, whose reputa as a black magician was even respected by the police (in 1941 when authorities could not locate the body of a murdered woman, they turned to Warner who solved the mystery by occult means), could cure him. For \$60 the necromancer tied a string around the ailing man's stomach, but this





rite only increased the pains. According to Martin the witch doctor had duped him, placed a hex on him that would cause a slow, painful death. Enraged and horrified, Martin shot Warner through the heart (voodoo fashion) and gave himself up to the police, saying that Warner admitted, before the shooting, that he did hex him. "Look at this," said Martin to a reporter as he pulled up his shirt. The string the reporter couldn't see was, for Martin, still pulling tighter around his stomach. Whether the state electrocutes him makes no difference to Martin. He's sure the hex will kill him anyway.

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Deep, drifting snow stopped the bus on which bricklayer Carlo Soriano usually rode home from work in Borgo San Lorenzo. As Carlo braced himself for a long trudge homeward to the tiny Apennine village of Luco on that chill evening about 17 years ago, there was at least one individual in worse straits than he--a small mongrel dog marooned on a ledge beneath a bridge crossing the icy torrent of Le Cale. Crossing the bridge, Carlo heard the dog's whimpering, and clambered down to save it. From that moment on, Carlo and Fido, "the faithful one," were fast friends. On holidays they went hunting together, and on workdays Fido invariably escorted his master to the San Lorenzo bus and met him at the bus stop when he came home at night. One night in December 1943, after an Allied bombing raid on German fortifications in San Lorenzo, Carlo failed to return. Fido waited all night under the bus parked in the square, and he went back to meet the bus again on the next night and every night thereafter. Each night from then on, as 13 years passed, Fido met the bus from San Lorenzo and waited patiently under it for his master. The local butcher gave him meat and bones to support his vigil. Villagers greeted him with cheering words. Sometimes, on chilly night, the bus company even





permitted Fido to do his waiting inside, instead of under the bus. And each year, Carlo's widow raised the money for Fido's dog license. Last month, despite the desperate straits of his own treasury, the mayor of Luco himself decreed that Fido should henceforth live tax-free as the only legally unlicensed dog in Italy. "He has set an example of fidelity to our village," said his honor, "and deserves to be placed on the list of Luco's honored citizens."

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Last month, in the midst of keeping house, Mrs. Socolov of Brooklyn got good news. Attorney General Herbert H. Brownell announced that she won't have to stand trial for espionage again. Mrs. Socolov is the former Judy Coplon, a cum laude graduate of Barnard College and a onetime political analyst for the U.S. Justice Department. On March 4, 1949, when she was 27, she stole from the Justice Department confidential papers which appeared to deal with the country's security. That night FBI agents watched as she handed them to a man she met furtively in New York. The man was Valentin A. Gubitchev, 32, third secretary of the Soviet delegation to the UN. The G-men arrested him too. Judy was tried twice in 1949 and 1950. In Washington, she was sentenced to 40 months to ten years for stealing government documents. In New York she and Gubitchev were sentenced to fifteen years for conspiracy to commit espionage. (The Russian's sentence was suspended on condition he leave the U. S.) On bail pending appeal, Judy married Socolov, one of her lawyers. Judy's convictions didn't stick. In New York, the U.S. Court of Appeals ordered a new trial because she was arrested without a warrant; the Supreme Court ordered a new trial on the ground the FBI had violated her constitutional rights. Since then, government legal experts have looked for a way to get a conviction the courts would uphold. Finally, they decided there was none.

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## TRIVIA

HIS MASTER'S VICE - Mallory Hinson was jailed for drunk driving after he refused to take a drunkometer test, confidentially advised cops to test his dog instead, explained that the dog, not he, was piloting the car.

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CHEW-CHEW - In Fresno, Calif., when the San Joaquin Daylight train arrived eighteen minutes late, Southern Pacific officials blamed "unforeseen operating difficulties" for the delay--Engineer William J. Franey had sneezed, blown his upper dentures out the cab window, stopped the train to hunt for them.

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THE WILD SIDE - In Miami, 78-year-old Mrs. Mary Bloomfield Bayliss started across a street, wound up in court, was fined \$2 for jaywalking, \$100 for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, \$200 for slugging a policeman.

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THE SEARCH - Bachelor John Henry King, 105, met and proposed to widow Fannie Excell, 87, commented: "At last I have found the right woman."

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PITY LIMIT - Near Zwingle, Iowa, after his truck started to burn, Norman Fulmer hitched a ride to the firehouse and asked for help, was told that firemen could not work beyond the town's boundaries, hitched back to the truck, got back in, drove the fire to fire headquarters for treatment.

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THE LETTERED MAN - James Donald FASTER of Toldedo lifted Annie Barnett's relief check, endorsed it with her name, cashed it, learned from police that Annie signs her checks with an illiterate's "X."

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THE HARDER THEY FALL - Testifying in a separate-maintenance suit, Harold Schwuchow of Chicago told the judge he wanted to live with his 5-ft.-3-in., 145-lb. wife, but not until she gained back the 75 lbs. she had starved off since June.

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NIGHT OF THE HUNTER - After he missed a potshot at a cop, was caught carrying a loaded pistol, flashlight, gloves and a burlap sack, John C. Davis of Cincinnati drew a one-to-20-year sentence despite his explanation that he was outfitted merely for "hunting crickets."

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READER RESPONSE - In Paterson, N. J., the News printed an ad: "My wife, Anna De Marco, having left my bed and board, I will no longer be responsible for any debts contracted by her on or after Jan. 15, 1957--Alphonse DeMarco," two days later printed another: "Alphonse De Marco, you never were responsible for any of my debts and bills--that's why I left you--Anna De Marco."

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OMNIBUST - Concluding that he was not getting enough attention after his girl friend broke a date, bus driver John Hamilton of Chatham, England, attempted to smash his bus against her house, bogged down on the lawn, grumbled as he was led off to serve six months in jail: "If only I'd had a good run, I would have got through . . ."

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IF IT'S WORTH DOING . . . - In Cleveland, eleven months after he was put on probation for stealing from the mails, Clayborne J. Allmond drew a four-year sentence as a probation violator after cops charged that since then he had committed bigamy, forgery and assorted theft, had topped it off by going to San Francisco, getting himself appointed a probation officer.

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## BETSIE BARKS

Hello! How are you? I was a little cross.

The other morning I showed the Boss that I was a little cross. I stayed out in the yard just when she wanted to go to the office. I stayed and stayed out there and I was very quiet. The Boss called me again and again and I stayed quiet.

After a while I came up and took the Boss to the office. But she knew I was put out!

I will tell you why I was cross.

The Boss took a moving picture camera with her to Alabama and then to Florida. She got some man to take pictures of deaf-blind children in school and playing out in the yard. The men didn't let me get into the pictures at all. The Boss told me I couldn't be in the movies because I am not a deaf-blind child. Some of the teachers were in the pictures--and they are not deaf-blind children!

Then we came back to New York.

There was a meeting here at the Foundation and some nice men came. Most of them knew me, because the Boss and I met them on some trips. They talked and talked. Then they watched the movies from Alabama and Florida.

The pictures were pretty, all different colors--and the children were pretty, too. Nobody said they were sorry I was not in the movies. Nobody missed me at all.

It hurt my feelings. That was why I was cross. I can look pretty in the movies, too!

Thank you and goodbye.

Betsie Dinsmore





## SPORTS SHOTS

The new 20-second rule--an automatic ball called by the umpire if a pitcher stalls longer than that between deliveries with no one on base--was called for the first time in a Yankee game against Boston's Ike Delock, with Hank Bauer up...In Brooklyn rumors were spreading that West Coast millionaire Howard Hughes was forming a syndicate to buy the Dodgers and move them to Los Angeles, while on the Coast rumblings were increasing that O'Malley of the Brooks already had closed a deal with Skiatron for pay-as-you-see TV...The Red Sox have had eight different shortstops opening the last eight seasons--Johnny Pesky, Vern Stephens, Eddie Joost, Milt Bolling, Frank Buddin, Jimmy Piersall and Lou Boudreau--a record...There will be no additions this year to the American League's 1,000 runs batted in club. Williams, Slaughter, Vernon and Berra belong to it and the next man, George Kell, has only 826 starting the season. But Gil Hodges, who started with 951, and Duke Snider, who started with 911, ought to make it in the National League, joining Musial and Ennis. Carl Furillo, opening with 895, has a slight chance and Ted Kluszewski, with 856 even slighter...The Cardinals traded utility outfielder Bobby Del Greco plus an unnamed minor league southpaw pitcher to the Cubs, in exchange for Jimmy King, another utility outfielder...Ted Williams has to work all season for his \$100,000 salary. But some International League player, if he's lucky, can earn that much with a single hit this season. The Columbus Jets have taken out an insurance policy which will pay \$100,000 to any player in a regular league contest who will hit a home run through a small hole in the right center-field fence...The Montreal Canadiens won the Stanley Cup hockey playoffs for the second straight year by beating the Boston Bruins four out of five games...Conn. schoolteacher Johnny Kelley, 25, brought Boston AA Marathon laurels back to America for the first time in 12 years on April 20.





## MARGINALIA

Dr. Albert Schweitzer, 82, missionary surgeon, philosopher and musician, appealed to the world, in an address before the Norwegian Nobel Prize committee, to end nuclear tests...Dr. Ross Gunn, director of the Weather Bureau's physical research in Washington, declared that air contamination caused by industry's smokestacks and possibly atomic bomb explosions may slow the formation of rain... A New York Times survey showed that mail service in other countries, including those behind the Iron Curtain, was generally far superior to that of the United States, and usually operated at a profit...Roman Catholics were urged by an official of the National Catholic Welfare Conference to stay away from meetings conducted by Billy Graham, who was described as "a danger to the faith"...Christopher Morley, essayist, poet, lecturer, critic and author of some 50 books, died at the age of 66...Former President Harry Truman said he will "adamantly" oppose having his future grandchild "named after me if it is a boy, because it would be a handicap all its life"...Singing cowboy Gene Autry and his wife, Ina, stated in 1953 that their net taxable income was \$15,013, yet the same year they purchased \$6 million worth of government bonds. The Internal Revenue Service notified the Autrys that they owe \$142,417 in back taxes for that year...Bataan hero Major Hans G. Hornbostel, who--a healthy man--voluntarily went to live in a leper colony to be near his wife, a victim of leprosy which she contracted in a Japanese prison camp, died at the age of 76...A score of big Government agencies were girding for a long siege of investigation and criticism after Congress appropriated \$250,000 for an eighteen-month "study" of regulatory agencies...Gen. Curtis E. Lemay, commander of the Strategic Air Command, was named Vice Chief of Staff of the U. S. Air Force, reinforcing the champions of heavy nuclear bombers...



Adlai E. Stevenson accepted the part-time post of advisory board chairman of Encyclopedia Britannica Films, Inc. The company, with headquarters in Wilmette, Ill., is the world's largest producer-distributor of classroom teaching films...Five boys and five girls aged 14 to 16 were arrested for staging lascivious parties in the home of John Lyons, 58, ex-commander of the Ridgefield, N. J., American Legion Post, who was charged with "impairing the morals of minors."...The Navy is preparing "do-it-yourself" plans so that radio amateurs around the world will help scientists pinpoint the satellite's position in space. Several satellites will be launched as part of United States participation in the forthcoming International Geophysical Year...Obsessed by the fear of becoming obese, Caren Lynn Crabbe, 20, a co-ed at University of Southern Calif. and daughter of Olympic swimming champion and movie actor Buster Crabbe, after fasting and dieting until her weight dropped from 120 to 60 pounds, died of malnutrition... British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd filed a petition for divorce... The longest murder trial in British history--17 days--came to an end with the acquittal of Dr. John Bodkin Adams, 58, who was accused of killing society women for their estates and tried for the murder of an 81-year-old widow, Mrs. Edith Morrell...Paris designers produced a "new look" for men--a red suit with blazer-striped pants, topped by a red porkpie hat...At the Page One Ball, sponsored by the N. Y. Newspaper Guild, Paul Whiteman presented Kate Smith with its Page One Special Award for her quarter century in broadcasting...Thieves broke into the summer residence of Pope Pius XII and made off with an undetermined amount of money and other valuables...Three British planes flew 230 pieces of luggage weighing two and one-half tons for Queen Elizabeth's four-day state visit to France last month...A collection of small flesh-eating plants were displayed before fascinated garden enthusiasts at the International Flower Show in N.Y.C.





These unusual specimens called "pitcher" plants eat gnats and mosquito-size insects...The University of Notre Dame's Laetare Medal, awarded annually for the past 74 years to outstanding U.S. Roman Catholic laymen, will be given this year to Clare Boothe Luce...The mystery of the disappearance of the fortune Mussolini was carrying when he was caught and slain by Communist partisans at the end of the war was being probed in a trial opened last month in Padua...Walter (Yoo Hoo) Yemm, 47-year-old purchasing agent of Chicago, who admits 12 marriages and only two divorces, may have so many wives that he cannot be prosecuted for polygamy, police said...John Roosevelt, youngest son of the late President, says he will make an effort to obtain the 1960 Republican Presidential nomination for Richard Nixon...One of the wonders of the canine world, a pure green puppy, was born to Pinky, a mongrel, owned by Flavio Salas, a janitor at Lowry Air Force Base...Charles Earle Funk, 72, veteran lexicographer and editor in chief of Funk and Wagnalls Standard Dictionary, died of a heart attack...Tycoon Tommy Manville, married nine times and in love again, said about his new bride-to-be, show girl Pat Gaston, "I feel this marriage is it. I think that this time it's someone who understands me."...Film and TV comedienne Joan Davis, 49 and a grandmother, married safety engineer Budd Stock, 29...A U.S. District Court in Abilene, Tex., ruled that Claude R. Eatherly, 38, a former Air Force major who participated in the atomic attack on Hiroshima, was not sane enough to be tried for robbing two West Texas post offices and ordered him committed to a hospital for psychiatric observation...Diana Barrymore, 36, daughter of the late movie idol John Barrymore, published her autobiography, "Too Much Too Soon," an uninhibited confession of the Barrymore family...Although no coin was deposited and no power was supposed to have been on, Denise Nagle, 5, was electrocuted when she climbed into an amusement-ride rocket ship outside a Safeway supermarket in New York...Gisela von Beneckendorf und von



Hindenburg, 69, poverty-stricken sister-in-law of the late President Paul von Hindenburg, committed suicide in her Berlin apartment...Indian archeologists have unearthed a 2,300-year-old city, complete with dockyard and modern-style underground drainage. The city, recently discovered near Calcutta on the Bengal coast, is believed to be Gange, legendary port of the land of Gangaeridae...George Meany, head of the AFL-CIO, received the \$5,000 American Citizens Award from the United American Mechanics, as the "defender of high moral principles in private and public life." The previous winners were former President Truman and Bernard Baruch...According to Dr. James O. Bond, state epidemiologist and member of the Florida Board of Health, women outlive men because they cry more. "The harassed modern man might add years to his life if he'd just break down and weep occasionally," said the eminent doctor...Peggy Kelly, 25, of New York, wife of John Dillon and an expectant mother, who was married on the same day, April 19, 1956, as former actress Grace Kelly, was widowed when her husband died in a car crash...Boston schoolteacher and Olympic champion Harold Connolly and his Olympic discus-throwing bride, the former Olga Fikotova of Czechoslovakia, arrived from behind the Iron Curtain with boundless love between them--and 35 cents in cash...The world's most famous golf caddy--Willie (Cemetery) Perteet--has been discharged as President Eisenhower's caddy. Ed Dudley, professional of the Augusta National Golf Club and President Eisenhower's golfing partner, said the 51-year-old Negro had to be replaced because he was "getting a little too decrepit."...Miss Helen Keller left early this month on a tour of the Scandinavian countries, under the State Department's International Educational Exchange Program, to discuss work for the blind with Government and private agency officials... Sir Winston Churchill, 82, offered his own formula for good health: "A lot of drinking, a lot of eating and eight or nine hours of sleep, most of it in the daytime."









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## FROM THE EDITOR

When Grandma cluttered her attic with boxes marked "Strings too short to use," "Gas mantles too burned out to light" and "Bustles too old to wear," philosophers of that day--that's what psychologists were called--considered her eccentric. Saving anything that had no practical use or monetary value was sheer folly--a sign of eccentricity or senility.

But with the emergence of the modern psychologist and sociologist and their stamps of approval, collecting such items turned into a respectable avocation, and almost everyone, including distinguished personages, became a collector of something. Bennett Cerf, for example, collected jokes and has the world's largest collection of humor; Franklin Roosevelt collected postage stamps and owned the world's most valuable stamp collection; Edward G. Robinson collected paintings and possessed the world's finest private collection of French oils (until his wife decided to collect alimony).

Collecting is more than an engrossing occupational therapy making spare time pass quickly and pleasantly; it's a social boon. When company comes, instead of exchanging banalities or broaching a subject that might prove controversial, the perfect host or hostess displays his or her collection and descants on the various items, automatically setting off an animated conversation. Almost all the celebrities that appear on the popular "Person-to-Person" TV show, which emanates from their homes, use this technique, making themselves interesting and keeping their audience interested. The same principle can be used, with equal success, in social correspondence, making the letters lively and refreshing.

For those who take their collecting seriously, there are clubs, books, catalogues and periodicals devoted to specific items of collection, such as



stamps, coins, porcelain, etc., to help the collector with buying, selling, trading and appraising items.

Grandma's "eccentricity" has taken on the proportions of a social epidemic, and many deaf-blind are among the happy victims, hoarding anything from ash trays to Braille zodiac charts. Those who still remain unaffected will find collecting unusual or commonplace things, not necessarily expensive items, an exciting and zestful hobby.

Miss Dinsmore, who is away on a field trip at this writing, will be back with you next month. Happy Easter!--Sam Chermak



## NEWS CAPSULES

In Montreal, friends of the Dionne quintuplets leaked the long-awaited news that Cecile, the belle of the quints, will be the first to marry. Her betrothed is Philippe Langlois, 26, a former Canadian Broadcasting Corp. technician who helped quint Marie run her flower shop for seven months before it folded last December. Official announcement of the engagement is expected on the girls' birthday, May 28, after Cecile finishes her obstetrical nurse's training at Montreal's Hospital of Notre Dame de l'Esperance. One of thirteen children himself, Philippe confided to reporters: "We hope for many children--as many as possible. But no quints."

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The H-bombs that had been exploded in tests used atom bombs as a trigger, to generate the tremendous heat necessary for hydrogen fusion. This made the H-bombs ponderous and extremely expensive and caused them to give off deadly, air-polluting radiation called fallouts. One of the most closely guarded atomic secrets in the world, supposed to be known only to the U. S. and Russia, is a process of creating hydrogen fusion without atom bombs, making possible the production of much smaller, less costly H-bombs which would emit no fallouts. Last month a team of German nuclear physicists, headed by Dr. Kurt Driebner of Hamburg, announced it had discovered a method of producing hydrogen fusion under laboratory temperatures--the American and Russian secret.

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In a 6-3 decision, the Supreme Court ruled that the Constitutional rights of Paul H. Breithaupt had not been violated when the New Mexico police took a sample of his blood while he was unconscious and used it to convict him of involuntary manslaughter. Breithaupt, driving a panel truck, was involved in a collision in which three persons were killed. He was





convicted in 1951 and sentenced to six months to ten years. A partly empty whisky bottle was found in the truck and the police smelled liquor on his breath. A hospital physician, at the request of a state patrolman, took a sample of his blood. A laboratory analysis showing that Breithaupt's blood had contained .17 per cent alcohol was admitted in evidence at his trial. His attorneys asserted that the taking of his blood had constituted unreasonable search and seizure, and that the use of the test result as evidence had deprived him of due process of law.

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In the dim and distant Prohibition days, when the racket empires flowered and prospered in Chicago, George C. (Bugs) Moran was a solid bad citizen. Bugs survived five bloodiest years of the underworld wars to emerge a successor to his murdered playmates--Dion O'Banion, Hymie Weiss and Schemer Drucci--in command of the North Side legions aligned against Mr. Alphonse Capone. Bugs managed to stay whole even when the finger of suspicion pointed to him in the assassination of two presidents of the dread Unione Sicilione. And he drew a pass on America's bloodiest St. Valentine's Day--in 1929. He happened to be absent when a quartet of death's messengers lined seven Moran men against the wall of his North Clark Street beer drop and sprayed them with lead. Mr. Moran faded from the Chicago scene after that. He was to turn up later in more peaceable pursuits, such as bank robbery. Last month, 64 and doing time in Leavenworth for an Ohio bank job, Bugs died at the hands of an enemy more sure than Al Capone and the Unione Sicilione and all the mobs put together. He died of lung cancer.

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The latest contender to man's quest to fly like a bird, a quest that dates at least back to Icarus, the waxen-winged Cretan of mythology, emerged on the West Coast. It was a "strap-on" helicopter designed to be "worn" by Marines flying into and out of atomic battle zones as neatly as Buck Rogers and his antigravity belt. The novel craft's landing gear: The Marine



pilot's combat boots. Called the "Pinwheel"--its rotors are spun by thumb-sized rocket exhausts at their tips--the experimental craft weighs less than 170 pounds, has a range of about 30 miles, a speed of 70 miles per hour, and can be fitted, when collapsed, into a telephone booth.

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A strange footnote to history--the story of how a spinster descendant of two American Presidents acted as a go-between for Communist leader Earl Browder and President Roosevelt during World War II--finally found its way into public record last month. The intermediary was Josephine Truslow Adams, a New York artist and cousin of historian James Truslow Adams, who counts Presidents John and John Quincy Adams among her forebears. And she counted President Roosevelt and Browder as her close personal friends. On Browder's behalf, she told an executive session of the Senate Internal Security subcommittee in January, she had visited Mr. Roosevelt between "38 and 40 times," both at the White House and Hyde Park. Her purpose, she explained, was to urge Browder's views upon such matters as the Chinese situation on the President--never the other way around. The President was always interested, she said, but there was no suggestion that he was swayed. Subcommittee counsel Robert Morris added that Browder himself confirmed the details of Miss Adams' story. Meanwhile, the Senate's Democratic leadership quietly passed the word that hearings on this phase of New Deal history might better be dropped. Just as quietly, the Republicans agreed--for the time being.

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In Birmingham, Ala., a shouting crowd went after a young white man who had been sitting with a Negro minister and his wife in a railroad-station waiting room reserved for whites. The minister, the Rev. F. K. Shuttlesworth (whose church and home were damaged by a bomb last December) had announced in advance that he proposed to occupy the white waiting room as a test. There he and Mrs. Shuttlesworth were joined by Lamar Weaver, a 29-year-old







steelworker, while a crowd surged around the entrances. When Weaver was ordered to leave--because he didn't have a ticket--the crowd followed him to his convertible and let loose a barrage of stones. Windows of the car were broken, and a hurled suitcase struck Weaver in the face as he pulled away. Later he was fined \$30 for passing a red light when he fled.

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Ruling that Michigan's censorship had reduced Detroit's reading fare literature only "fit for children," the U. S. Supreme Court put the works of John Dos Passos, John Howard Griffin, John O'Hara, and others back on the city's book shelves. Speaking for a unanimous court, scholarly Justice Felix Frankfurter, a onetime Harvard law professor, said: "...by thus quarantining the general reading public against books not too rugged for grown men and women in order to shield juvenile innocence, Detroit is exercising its power to promote the general welfare. Surely, this is to burn the house to roast the pig."

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Oklahoma is a dry state, which means that in Oklahoma it sometimes takes a thirsty citizen as long as fifteen minutes to get a drink. Said thirsty citizen has to pick up his phone and call his bootlegger first. Many Oklahomans get a big chuckle when they read in the newspapers that some outraged bootlegger has reported the theft of his liquor to the police. The people, so the saying goes, will vote dry as long as they can stagger to the polls. Not even the lighthearted Oklhomans, however, were prepared for the shock that came last month when a Federal grand jury indicted twenty persons on charges of running a \$25,000-a-month protection payoff racket in gambling, liquor, and prostitution. Heading the list was Jay L. Jones, a professional dry who was elected police commissioner of Tulsa last fall. Jones, a popular former University of Tulsa football player, had made a solemn pledge to wipe out Tulsa's flourishing liquor trade.

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While millions of oppressed Christians in Russia fasted faithfully for Lent, the newspaper Pravda fired the loudest gun in the antireligion campaign recently renewed in the Communist press. "The observance of Lent is especially damaging because it coincides with the time of spring sowing, and it decreases sharply the labor productivity of the collective farmers," observed D. Sidorov, "Master of Historical Sciences," in the official Communist daily. The importance of Lent to the Christian religion, continued the hysterical historian, comes largely from its "class meaning," which succeeded in making "sacred the systematic starvation of the toiling masses in capitalistic countries...The church impressed upon believers that to eat enough was a great sin."

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Walter Wilding of Manchester, England, believed in putting out fires before they started. A fire-prevention officer, Wilding was ultrasensitive to aircraft that skimmed precariously close to his own rooftop at 25 Shadow Moss Road as they zoomed in for landings at nearby Ringway Airport. Haunted by the fear that his wife and 2-year-old son were in danger, Wilding organized neighborhood protest meetings and fired off petitions claiming that "people around here are dreading a crash. It's no use waiting until there's been a disaster." When Wilding came home to lunch one day last month he found the body of his wife clutching the charred form of his child in the rubble of 25 Shadow Moss Road. In a tragic fulfillment of Wilding's prophecy, a British European Airways Viscount had crashed directly into the Wilding home, killed all twenty persons aboard, and wiped out part of a housing development. The crash was the first since the turboprop pride of Britain's aircraft industry went into service four years, 150 million miles and 7 million passengers ago.

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## TRIVIA

THE WHOLE TRUTH - Undergoing lie detector tests, a murder suspect told three different versions of the crime he was supposed to have committed. Each time the machine recorded "negatively"--meaning he was telling the truth. Angry state investigators announced they no longer would use the lie detector because it "is a habitual liar."

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PARADE REST - A National Guard regiment--the proud Cleveland Grays--marched through the downtown section in a parade minus Col. Robert M. Campbell, who was to lead them. When the regiment returned to the armory after the parade it was found someone had accidentally locked Campbell in the men's room.

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EMBRACING THE LAW - Chicago rookie cop Gaston Cook, 35, was arrested and fired for becoming amorous with a stranger in a movies, who turned out to be Jean Dominy--a policewoman.

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CRITIC - After making some observations, the new maid at the home of violinist Mischa Elman told Mrs. Elman: "Your husband isn't old, and he seems very healthy. Why doesn't he go to work instead of playing fiddle all day?"

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MATCHLESS MC - At a White House party, the President noticed master of ceremonies George Jessel pocketing some of the books of matches. "So you caught me stealing your White House matches," Jessel shrugged. "Mr. President, I have a lot of relatives in the Bronx. How'll they ever get your matches unless I steal 'em?"

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PLANE TALK - According to the New York Times, an American asked his Canadian seatmate on a plane, "What do you think of Lester B. (Mike) Pearson becoming your next Prime Minister?" "Proposterous," said the Canadian, "that this whole continent should be run by two fellows called Mike and Ike."

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A SOBER DECISION - The South Dakota Supreme Court ruled that if a man is drunk more hours than he is sober his wife is entitled to a divorce.

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THE PRINCE AND THE PAPA - The Indian Prince of Berar had to shut down his 60-girl harem because Dad, the rich old Nizam, cut his annual stipend.

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LONG VOYAGE HOME - In Fond du Lac, Wis., detective Pat Cotter bagged a drunk, made out a report: "He is not drunk, who from the floor can rise again and take one more. Man could not rise again and, although he had a bottle with a little left in it, he just could not get his hands off the sidewalk to get at it. After carefully noting all the facts in the case, I assumed he must be drunk and arrested him. He still had eight miles to travel home on his hands and knees."

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DEATH DUTY - Editor Gwen Frost of the Michigan Business Woman's Bulletin published a notice for subscribers: "If you've married--moved--or died--please let us know."

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HOME RUN - Surprised while looting a house in Antwerp, Belgium, burglar Raymond Raets fled, scrambled over a nine-foot wall, found himself inside the Antwerp prison.

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MOLAR OPPOSITES - Mrs. Marjorie Lee McClurken of San Diego, suing for divorce, testified that because her husband refused to pay for professional-made choppers, she was forced to buy an instruction book, make her own false teeth.

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COPS AND ROBBERS - Scotland Yard sleuth Allan Hillis was struggling with a London pickpocket when the culprit suddenly shouted: "Quick, help me, I'm a policeman." Passersby clamped Detective Hillis in a half-nelson while the pickpocket scampered away.

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BEDLAM BOUND - Mrs. Vincent Price instructed a cabbie: "Go down Park Ave. until you see a gold coach drawn by four white horses." The hackie overtook such a vehicle. It was taking actor Vincent Price to the Prince Albert Ball at the Waldorf. He paid the hackie, who confided: "When the lady gave me her instructions, I wasn't heading for a gold coach with four white horses. I was taking her to Bellevue."



## BETSIE BARKS

Hello! How are you? I'm fine.

The Boss and I went back to the farm where Lassie and Sandy live.

Lassie and Sandy always chase other dogs away, but they were happy to see me. They waved their tails and we raced around. I was happy, too. We jumped and played and it was fun to roll in the grass.

Lassie and Sandy knew where to find some exciting new smells.

Every time I went in the house to be with the Boss, Lassie and Sandy stayed outside. But one time Lassie didn't!

One night Lassie ran through the door ahead of me and wouldn't go out again. There was a big fire in the fireplace, and Lassie laid down in the middle of the room near the Boss. I watched carefully, but the Boss didn't pet her. I waited for Lassie to go out again. She stayed and stayed. She looked important.

After a while I went out into the next room and laid down with my back to everyone. They called and called, but I stayed there alone. I think it made them sorry.

Then the Boss took me to my bed. She said she was sorry it hurt my feelings. She said Lassie wanted to come into the house, too, sometimes.

I knew that was Lassie's home and Lassie's family. But did she have to look so important!

Thank you and goodbye.

Betsie Dinsmore





## SPORTS SHOTS

Hank Greenberg of the Indians rejected a \$1,000,000 cash offer from Tom Yawkey of the Red Sox for 23-year-old lefty Herb Score "because he may become the greatest pitcher in the game's history."...The Giants are eyeing Cub catcher Charlie Silvera, to replace Bill Sarni, 29, their first-string catcher who suffered a heart attack at spring training. If Sarni recovers sufficiently, the Giants intend to make him a coach...Pie Traynor, one of the greatest third basemen of all time, has picked Cincinnati to win the National League pennant this year and his Pirates to finish fifth...In 1953 Don Zimmer, then the most valuable player in the American Ass'n, was almost killed by a pitched ball; last season with the Dodgers he was hit by another pitched ball, this time fracturing his cheek and almost blinding him. Although no one expected the 25-year-old shortstop to play again, he is back in the lineup--as good as ever...Leo Durocher will be back in baseball starting April--as color commentator on the NBC game-of-the-week Saturday afternoon telecasts...Red Sox manager Higgins decided to stick with Billy Klaus as his regular shortstop as Billy Consolo and Ken Aspromonte up from San Francisco have not measured up to expectations...Lynwood (Schoolboy) Rowe, 46, former pitching star and currently a Tiger scout, suffered a heart attack...The Catholic Digest has an interesting feature story on Gus Vam Bell of the Hudson Guild, only blind baseball coach in the game. Forty-six-year-old Gus was blinded when struck by a batted ball while pitching some years ago...Now that professional sports are being placed under anti-trust laws, Ford Frick, Will Harridge, Warren Giles and George Trautman were selected to serve as a committee "to handle any legislative matters on behalf of baseball" in Washington.



## MARGINALIA

Judge Charles Evans Whittaker, 56, a Kansas City Republican, was nominated by President Eisenhower for the Supreme Court seat left vacant by the resignation of Justice Stanley F. Reed...Dr. Herman Neubacker, former SS official and war criminal who "had a hand" in the assassination of Austria's beloved President Dollfuss, is one of the "most trusted" advisers of Egypt's Dictator Nasser...When it was learned that the Duke of Edinburgh would be subpoenaed in a divorce suit between his private secretary Lt. Comdr. Michael Parker, 36, and his wife Eileen Parker, 34, Queen Elizabeth, complying with her ultraconservative advisers, elevated the Duke to Prince, which lifted him beyond the range of a subpoena...T. Lamar Caudle and Matthew J. Connelly, former officials in the Truman Administration, were sentenced to two years in prison and fined \$2,500 each on charges of conspiring to defraud the Government in an income tax case...Five passengers, one of them a pregnant woman on her way for a checkup, were killed when a bus in Puerto Rico went over a cliff. Rescuers found an uninjured five-pound baby girl by her side, born after the fatal crash...In her divorce suit against her husband Winthrop Rockefeller, Mrs. Bob Rockefeller retained fifty lawyers at a cost of in excess of \$1,000,000--the biggest legal fee in history...Admiral Richard E. Byrd died of a heart attack at the age of 68...The Field Foundation has appointed Adlai E. Stevenson to fill the vacancy on its board caused by the death of Marshall Field. The foundation operates a program of child welfare and intercultural and interracial relations...Margarethe Greissing: a strapping 21-year-old German farm girl, who is growing a beard, entered a hospital for an operation that she hopes will turn her into a man...When it was announced that Betsy, the seven-year-old chimpanzee in the Baltimore Zoo, would have her abstract paintings exhibited at the next art show, many





artists were enraged. Asserted abstract painter Charles Modecke, "No chimpanzee is going to make a monkey out of me."...Six men, including the former president and the secretary-treasurer of a Chemical Workers local, were arrested in the theft of \$300,000 worth of drugs from the Lederle Laboratories at Pearl River, N. Y...Exactly two minutes after Burton W. Abbott died in the gas chamber at San Quentin for the kidnapping and murder of a 14-year-old schoolgirl, Warden Harley O. Teets received a message from Gov. Goodwin J. Knight of Calif. to delay the execution. A communications jam caused its late arrival...Lady Wonder, the horse that answered questions and predicted events by spelling words with her nose on a giant size typewriter-like device, died at the age of 33. In 1932 she predicted the nomination and election of Franklin D. Roosevelt as President...Bowling to public opinion, the Czech government reluctantly approved the marriage of the Boston schoolteacher Harold Connolly, 25, who set an Olympic hammer-throw mark, to Czechoslovakia's gold medal-winning discuss hurler Olga Fikotova, 24. They met and fell in love at last summer's Olympic Games in Australia.. Harold E. Talbott, former Secretary of the Air Force, died of a cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 68...Lieut. Gen. Adolf Heusinger, 59, operations chief of the German general staff under Hitler, will succeed Lieut. Hans Speidel as head of West Germany's Armed Forces Department...Marshall Maul, 12, of Jackson, Mich., who was born blind in his left eye now can see with it. He touched a match to a paint lacquer can which exploded, inflicting minor burns and restoring his vision...Jake LaMotta, former world middle-weight champion, was convicted of aiding the vice operations of a 15-year-old girl at his Miami Beach bar...A thousand young Germans reverently placed flowers on the mass graves of Nazi concentration camp victims, where Anne Frank is buried. The occasion was the opening of Brotherhood Week in West Germany...Seven members of the Jehovah's Witnesses sect, two of them





women, have been brought to trial in the Moldavian Soviet Socialist Republic on charges of "spying for organizations in the United States." Officials of the sect said that its members operate underground throughout the Soviet Union and about 7,000 Witnesses already had been sent to Siberia...On March 25 a spring blizzard swept from the plains into the Great Lakes region leaving 20-foot snowdrifts, killing at least 17 persons, stranding thousands and causing huge losses of livestock and property...After exhaustive questioning by a legislative committee looking into racial unrest, Frederic John Kasper, 27, the founder of the Seaboard White Citizens Council, the most fanatic anti-Negro group in the country, admitted that he used to take Negro girls to dances and beach parties. Many of his disciples were dismayed and disillusioned at this revelation...Milton Eisenhower, 57, youngest brother of President Eisenhower, was inaugurated as the eighth president of 81-year-old Johns Hopkins University...In an alimony case Judge Elmer D. Doyle of Los Angeles Domestic Relations Court declared that Mrs. Beverly Avery, 46, and her thirteenth husband, Raymond J. O'Malley, 41, set a record with twenty-one marriages between them. Mrs. Avery is now happily married to husband number fourteen...The National Research & Development Corp. developed a food tube, in flavors of Bologna, Worstershire and black walnut which furnishes a completely balanced meal merely by squeezing the contents into the mouth and swallowing...James Jones, author of "From Here to Eternity," married actress Gloria Mussolino...An Assembly public health subcommittee studying the California smog reported: "It is felt by many medical experts that long-term exposure in terms of ten to twenty years to Los Angeles smog would cause lung cancer or serious respiratory problems." A 2-cent carrier postage stamp, issued in 1860 by Beckman's city post in Charleston, S. C., brought \$11,000 at an auction. Carrier stamps were used by private concerns that conducted local posts, offering faster service



than the U. S. mails...A deficiency of pantothenic acid, a member of the vitamin B-complex, may be a factor in the production of duodenal ulcers, Dr. Theodore F. Zucker of Columbia University reported...A landing control system that will permit planes to land on carriers in rough weather without the pilot touching the controls was demonstrated...In a radical switch, Britain has decided to turn to the U. S.-type selective service instead of the present system of calling up youths by age groups...Mrs. Helen (Ma) Sunday, 88, widow of the late evangelist Billy Sunday, died of lung cancer.. Dr. Evars Graham, 73, the first surgeon to remove successfully an entire human lung, succumbed to lung cancer...Actor Henry Fonda, 51, took for his fourth wife Baronessa Afdera Franchetti, 24...The Federal Trade Commission, which has been monitoring television programs for four months, started a drive against misleading and unfair television commercials...One of the twelve largest diamonds in the world, weighing 128.25 carat and valued at \$2,000,000, was cut. It took Bernard De Haan, a craftsman with forty years of experience, 1,400 hours to complete the precision cutting...A group of wealthy Easterners with Democratic-liberal leanings are seriously considering starting a new weekly magazine. It would be edited by Theodore ("Fire in the Ashes") White...The last of the Army's homing pigeons, approximately 1,000 birds, were sold at \$5 a pair at Fort Monmouth, N. J....A searchlight as bright as 10,000 automobile headlights, 130,000,000 candlepower light, has been developed for Navy submarine-hunter planes...Professor Philip E. Jacob of the University of Penn. said that systematic cheating appeared to be the "custom rather than the exception" at many major universities in the nation...A flaming Royal Air Force transport plane smashed into a row of houses in Drayton, England, killing fifteen airmen and two civilians...A Belgian Airline pilot, Robert Deppe, received a six-month suspended sentence in Brussels for smuggling gems into the United States.









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## MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

The desire for challenge is a characteristic of the human race. To explore the unknown; to master physical laws; to harness power; to create new things; to ferret out nature's secrets; to accomplish the "impossible;" and even to compete in sports and games or solve crossword puzzles--these are challenges we all seek in one way or another.

Even the details of everyday life take on the aspect of a struggle. Every phase of modern living has become to some extent a challenge--crossing the street before the traffic light changes; catching the 8:05 and getting to work on time; making the theatre before the curtain rises; and falling asleep without taking a sleeping pill.

Picking up the threads of life under the double handicap of blindness and deafness represents a challenge equal to any faced by a research scientist. There are enough deaf-blind people who have succeeded in solving the problems of everyday living to prove that a deaf-blind person need not vegetate nor accept everything stoically. There are also pleasurable activities and hobbies which do not depend upon sight and hearing, which can offer challenges and rewarding experiences.

We know one deaf-blind man who has become an authority on shopping over a period of years by playing a game. He loves to be taken to department stores by his sighted friends and relatives. There he examines many things carefully, from furs and furniture to fountain pens and fruit cakes. When he is shown an item, say a piece of furniture, he tries to guess the price and asks his sighted companion for his estimate. Then the friend looks for the price tag and, almost invariably, our deaf-blind man's guess wins the score by matching the tag. He has become so proficient at this "guessing



game" that all his friends, neighbors and relatives demand his services as an "appraiser" before buying anything. Thus, he does not receive maudlin sympathy from his community because of his affliction, but rather respect and admiration.

We know, of course, a number of deaf-blind housewives who manage their homes with practiced skill. Recently we learned of two young deaf-blind men, one living in the East and one in the Mid-west, who have branched out into independent living by taking bachelor apartments. We have heard that each one has developed special methods of handling housekeeping challenges which may yet teach the rest of us a trick or two. We shall watch to see how well-nourished they both appear a year hence before we draw any conclusions as to their culinary abilities. The adventures are good, though, and we really do expect them to succeed admirably.

Let us all cheer them on!

Annette B. Dinsmore





## NEWS CAPSULES

Vickie Wellman's 44-year-old father, Saul, was convicted under the Smith Act for conspiring to advocate the violent overthrow of the United States Government. Sentenced to four years and eight months, he appealed and is now on bail. Her 44-year-old mother, Peggy, is a Communist Party follower, too. She has been ordered deported to Canada. Last month, Vickie, who is 14, won the Americanism Medal of the American Legion as the public-school student who had conspicuously exhibited the "qualities necessary to the preservation and protection of our country." She was chosen by the faculty and students of her school, Hutchinson Junior High in Detroit. The Legion was startled when it learned who she was; it had not investigated her family background.

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In the darkened Central Park Theater at Birmingham, Alabama, a group of about fifty drew on hoods and robes and sat down for a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan. A single masked figure, wearing a wide belt and a pistol, occupied the stage. J. P. Tillery, 24, a lieutenant in the Klan, rose to protest against the "one-man rule" of Asa Carter, the young (32) champion of white supremacy who is executive secretary of the North Alabama Citizens Council and a leader in the fight against desegregation in Southern schools. Suddenly there were gunshots, critically wounding Tillery. Tillery explained that three persons grabbed him while the hooded figure on the stage leaped toward him just before the shooting. He said he recognized the man on the stage, from his eyes and his pistol, as Carter. Carter denied that he was at the meeting and the sealed lips of the Klansmen appeared likely to thwart the police from finding out who fired the shots.

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Development of a tiny nuclear-powered battery that will deliver current for five years was announced by the Elgin Watch Co. The little battery, not



yet ready for the market, will be used in such products as hearing aids and small portable radios. The cell, about the diameter of a thumbtack, was developed by the Elgin Co. in conjunction with the Walter Kidde Nuclear Laboratories of Garden City, N. Y. Major component of the cell is promethium 147. Robert C. Miller, Elgin manager of physical research, said the battery probably also would be used eventually for an atomic-powered wrist watch.

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Wan and tired after his battle with a brain tumor, Ted Husing, 55, became the first Sports Broadcasters Association member to get the Graham McNamee Award from his colleagues. He received a clamorous standing ovation from 600 radio and TV men who cited him as their "counselor, dean of sportscasters, and the architect of our profession." NBC president Robert Sarnoff introduced Husing as rival CBS's chief sports announcer for nineteen years during which his toughest competitor was NBC's late Graham McNamee. Husing left few dry eyes in New York's Roosevelt Hotel ballroom when he responded: "I can't see you any more. I'm blind. But I can hear. Tonight one doesn't need eyes. One has eyes in one's heart."

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Baba Raghubar Dayal had little trouble persuading the inhabitants of Mokhimpur, an adobe village 65 miles from New Delhi, that he was the reincarnation of a Hindu god. Dayal was sometimes uncertain as to which of the Hindu divinities he actually represented: Krishna, the black god famous for erotic prowess, or Rama, the warrior king. But who cared? The neighboring village had no gods at all. When two strangers arrived and refused to prostrate themselves before the "god," they were beaten. A small police force sent out to investigate, after the two men complained, was wiped out to a man by the Mokhimpur faithful. A similar fate befell a second unit. The aroused police, reinforced by military units, laid siege to Mokhimpur and after a pitched battle captured Dayal and 37 of his followers. From their jail cells, the devotees heard the most shattering news of all: Their "god" was a former government clerk, fired for incompetence.





The Baltimore Sun says London's cafe society is "talking openly of a rift between Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh." A London dispatch by the Sun correspondent reports: "The whisper started last summer. It was then hinted by the know-it-alls that the Duke of Edinburgh had more than a passing interest in an unnamed woman and was meeting her regularly in the private apartment of the court photographer." The dispatch said the gossip gained ground that the Queen's husband was "being got out of the country to cool off," when it was announced he was to make a four-month round-the-world tour.

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Earl Kemp Long, the uninhibited three-time governor of Louisiana, has always taken a certain pride in proclaiming himself the "most investigated man in the history of the state." Last month he was under fire again when it was learned that he was using prison labor on his private farm, paying convicts \$10 a week for a seven-day week. Said A. L. Bryan, the Louisiana parole-board director (and a Long appointee), Long's use of the convict labor was "completely legal and aboveboard." But New Orleans newspapers took a dim view. "Such trafficking, said The New Orleans States, "is morally malodorous."

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A commendation issued by a Japanese Army district headquarters last month said: "The two men illustrated our indomitable fighting spirit and set the most inspiring and commendable example to all our soldiers." The praise was for Cpl. Seiji Senzu, 24, and Sgt. Moriyoshi Kishigami, 25. What they had done was to die of heart attacks near the end of a 50-mile overnight hike in a cold rain carrying packs of more than 130 pounds. But Utamaro Senzu, father of the corporal, said: "I am mad and sad. The new army is doing exactly the same as the old Imperial army." Headlines in the Tokyo press spoke of the affair as a "death march."

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Indian astrologers forecast a year of gloom and disaster in India, and the world, in 1957. They base their predictions, among other things, on the "malefic influence" of two eclipses, one solar and one lunar, which occurred within less than six weeks toward the end of last year. For India, they have forecast "internal strife, revolts, and disaster." For the world, they predict "threats of war and developments which could lead to world war." Despite the ridicule of Prime Minister Nehru, many Indians take the astrologers seriously. Often, their lives are guided by astrology. In Parliament recently, one member urged the government to postpone the centenary celebrations of the 1857 mutiny against the British, because the astrologers had predicted that 1957 would be an "evil year" for India.

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Roland George Diaz, 20, listed on court records as neither male nor female but as "the person" is in the New York Hospital where he shortly will undergo an operation to be transformed into a girl. The operation was recommended by physicians at Elmira Reformatory, where the youth of "undetermined" sex was committed last May for supplying a gun in a grocery hold-up. The physicians wrote that Diaz was turning into a woman. Tests and observation showed him developing feminine physical characteristics and becoming increasingly effeminate. Doctors at the New York Hospital are optimistic that after surgery and treatment the transformation will be complete, giving Diaz a "chance to face life the same as any other person."

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Solemnly, with few words, the French officials received the young American war hero in the city hall at Chalons-sur-Marne. They guided him to a room where four identical caskets lay on a table. Reverently, the veteran, Sgt. Edward F. Younger, gazed for a long moment at them. Then, choosing one, he placed a white rose upon it. The man whose body lay in that casket became America's Unknown Soldier. He was entombed on Armistice Day of 1921, and since then no foreign dignitary has come to Washington



without making a pilgrimage to Arlington National Cemetery to lay a wreath on the marble memorial and read its simple inscription: "Here Rests In Honored Glory An American Soldier Known But To God." Last month the Defense Department announced that two other Unknown Soldiers, killed in World War II and Korea, will rest beside him.

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Released three months ago from a New Jersey mental hospital where he spent six months, Shane O'Neill, 36, the gaunt, troubled son of the late playwright Eugene O'Neill, returned to his wife and four children and a life of poverty in their ramshackle cottage near Point Pleasant. Though he was disinherited by his father (Also disinherited: Daughter Oona, after she married comedian Charlie Chaplin. The only other child, Eugene, Jr., committed suicide in 1950.) whom he hadn't seen for eight years before the elder O'Neill's death in 1953, Shane said: "I don't bear him any resentment. Wracked by drug addiction and disease for the past thirteen years, he has had a hard time holding such odd jobs as dishwashing and clam-digging. Shane admitted he hadn't seen his father's autobiographical Broadway hit, "Long Day's Journey Into Night," but he had read it. "I should think it would be of more interest to me than to other people," he said.

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Helicopters for picnickers, vertical take-off planes for commuters--such predictions of the aerial flivver's imminence have a predictable tendency to fly away into the infinite future. Undaunted, Peter Kappus, a General Electric engineer, unfolded a new scheme for a "Flying Flash Bulb." His prediction: On the market in ten years. Kappus's dream is a wingless transparent bubble(for keeping out the rain--and birds) sitting on top of a novel power plant. This consists of fans driven by a gas turbine to provide a powerful downward blast to everyday air. The vehicle could take off and land in any backyard. Kappus admitted that it would take intensified engine development if his commuting bubbles are to be darkening the early morning skies of 1967.







## TRIVIA

SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS - In Olympia, Wash., wrung out after an all-night vigil at a maternity hospital, proud father John Arends bent to kiss his wife as she was wheeled from the delivery room, caught a lingering whiff of ether, passed out cold on the concrete floor, was rushed to emergency for eight stitches in his face, repairs to two broken teeth.

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ROAD SHOW - When cops questioned Willie Cooper of Miami after they found him wearing four shirts, four pairs of pants, a sweater, two denim jackets, an overcoat, gloves and three hats jammed on top of each other, he offered a ready explanation: "I travel quite a bit and don't like suitcases."

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LES ARTISTES - Union Regional Director John Zinos of Milwaukee opposed consolidation of garbage and trash collections on the ground that garbage collectors are "specialists."

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THREE ON A HUSH - A car with three men in the back seat and nobody up front crashed into a police cruiser. Patrolmen William Ennd and Leroy Maulton testified that when they drew abreast of the pursued vehicle, the driver, Winfield W. Beatty, 23, climbed into the back seat with the other two men. All three denied driving the car, which police said was stolen.

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PUT THEM ALL TOGETHER - In Turin, Italy, when police arrived to quiet a family quarrel, they got an explanation from outnumbered bridegroom Antonio Guglielmone: just before the wedding his wife admitted that she wasn't a spinster but a widow with two children, then "finally she admitted that ... she really had three children, not two. Then as time went by she seemed worried once more ... and there were four children, not three ... and then five children, not four ... I was concerned about the speed of the family growth."

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PRESS RELEASE - After a guard ushered him to a cell following his arrest for interfering with judicial procedure and left the cell door open on the assumption that he was there to interview a prisoner, editor Salvador Gonzales of the daily Reportaje in Tijuana, Mexico, walked out of jail, rushed to a federal court, got a writ prohibiting his imprisonment.

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THE AMERICAN HOME - In Lansing, Mich., a citizen reported to police that the missus and his TV set were missing and he wanted the TV set back.

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SET A THIEF - The internal-revenue office in Yashiro, Japan, warned tax delinquents to pay up or have their salaries attached, published a list of outstanding welchers, included the names of ten tax collectors.

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I DID BUT SEE ... - In St. Louis, after he used a brace and bit to drill holes in twenty-four doors in three apartment houses, Joseph Bommarito was given three suspended 60-day workhouse sentences despite his explanation: "I was driving along and I saw a beautiful girl. I just had to see her again."

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LINE SQUALL - When a long-distance telephone operator failed to place his call fast enough John Brokelmeyer of Clawson, Mich., told her: "Come and get this phone out of my house if you can't make it work," decided to do the job himself, ripped the apparatus from the wall, grabbed his shotgun, went outside, used three shots to disconnect the wires from a nearby telephone pole.

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I'LL CALL YOU - In Greenboro, N. C., Charles W. Craddock filed suit for \$15,000 damages, claimed his dentist dropped a two-inch root-canal reamer down his throat, told him to "go home and forget about it."

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WARHEAD - In Edinburgh, Scotland, arrested for illegal possession of explosives, John Hay Barbour clinched the case against himself when officers watched him doff his hat as he entered the police station, saw a detonator and four sticks of dynamite fall out of it.





## BETSIE BARKS

Hello! How are you? I'm fine.

When the Boss and I go to a hotel there are certain things I find right off. I find our room after we have been there one time. I find the elevator I find the dining room. I find the door to go outside. But the Boss says I always avoid the cashier's desk. She says I don't want to pay the bill.

What is "the bill?" I never pay the bill. Do you pay bills?

One time the Boss got all dressed up. We went down in the elevator and I took her to the door to go out. It was cold and the Boss did not have her coat on. She asked a boy to take me out, and he did.

I took the boy around the block and there were some wonderful smells. Then we went back in the door and I started to go to the elevator. The boy tried to pull me to some stairs. I knew we must go to the elevator to get to our room. The Boss would be there. That boy was stupid because he wanted me to go up those stairs. I braced my feet and he couldn't make me move an inch.

Then I saw the Boss at the top of the steps and she called to me. It was very queer. But there she was and the boy was right.

I ran up the steps and I was very excited. Here was the Boss and here was a party and lots of people. Everyone laughed at me and said I was smart.

I was happy to find the Boss. It's strange. I think she should have been in our room.

Thank you and goodbye.

Betsie Dinsmore





## SPORTS SHOTS

Ted Williams, baseball's most controversial figure, signed two important contracts: another year with the Red Sox for \$100,000 and a marriage license with fashion model Nelva More, 24...Bucky Harris joined the Red Sox as Joe Cronin's assistant, and his 23-year-old son, Dick, will get a look-see as an infielder with the Senators...During spring training National League clubs will try out 130 rookies in 230 exhibition games...Al Rosen, 31, of the Indians, who was chosen as the American League's most valuable player three seasons ago, retired from baseball "because I can't do the job any more."... Sal Maglie in a dinner speech revealed that "a lot more passes than fans realize are given up by pitchers on orders of the manager. Leo Durocher often used to leave the decision up to me. That way he'd take himself off the hook."...Marse Joe McCarthy and Wahoo Sam Crawford are the newest members of baseball's Hall of Fame...The Indians are tearing down their artificial outfield fence to make their superior pitchers more effective...Big Ed Walsh, one of baseball's greatest pitchers, is seriously ill--and broke...Juan Pizarro, 19, a Puerto Rican left-hander who won 23 games in the Sally League last year, is now with Milwaukee...At a hearing of the Wisconsin State Athletic Commission to regulate the grunt and groan industry, promoter Johnny Heim admitted that "honest wrestling just won't pay off at the box office." In Cleveland Carmen Basilio, world welterweight king, KO'd ex-champion and challenger Johnny Saxton in 2:24 of the second round...Heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson was awarded a plaque by the Chicago Boxing Writers' and Broadcasters' Ass'n. as the "Best Fighter of 1956."...The Supreme Court, in a 6-3 ruling, placed professional football under antitrust laws--it's a big interstate business...Santa Anita race track gave John Longden a 116-year-old silver trophy after he rode his 5,000th winner--a world's record.



## MARGINALIA

A British court ruled invalid a clause in the will of George Bernard Shaw bequeathing funds for the development of a new English alphabet. Shaw envisioned the new alphabet as one with forty characters employing Arabic lettering to take the place of the present Roman alphabet...Former President Truman has refused an Administration invitation to visit Greece and Turkey as the official representative of the United States on the tenth anniversary of the Truman Doctrine...The White House is actively considering a huge program for building atomic bomb shelters at a cost of \$20,000,000,000 to \$40,000,000,000, the Assistant Budget Director said...Anthony Eden turned down a \$150,000 offer from a U. S. magazine for his memoirs, also a half million dollars bid for his services as a news commentator by an American motor outfit...The Senate Civil Service Committee approved a bill which would give former Presidents a \$25,000-a-year retirement income for life...The biggest union worry is that Congress may lift the tax exempt status from pension and other labor funds, thus leaving them open for all sorts of investigations...A scheduled patriotism program at the State Industrial School for Boys in Denver was called off when the chairman of the DAR, Mrs. Charlott C. Rush, refused to permit a boy of Mexican descent to carry the American flag...Arthur Miller, playwright and husband of motion picture actress Marilyn Monroe, was indicted for contempt of Congress by a Federal grand jury for refusing to name persons who attended a meeting of Communist authors in 1947...Spellbound Britons, including children and teenagers, watched the actual birth of a baby on television. Said a leading TV critic: "There are some things that should never be shown on TV and this was one of them."...Paris, which names its subway stations after heroes and celebrities, is naming a new one on the Champs Elysees after Franklin D. Roosevelt...





Thirty-seven miners died in a rumbling gas explosion in a Virginia coal mine. ..Sing Kee, 62, World War I hero, former member of a Selective Service Board and influential business man of New York, was convicted as the behind-the-scenes leader of a conspiracy to bring Chinese nationals into this country illegally...The Treasury requested Congress to permit an increase in Government savings bonds interest from 3 per cent to  $3\frac{1}{4}$  per cent...Former Margaret Truman is expecting a "blessed event" in July, her husband, newspaperman Clifton Daniel, 44, announced...After attempts to join her lover, former dictator Juan Peron now exiled in Paraguay, Nelida (Nelly) Rivas, 16, was remanded to an orphanage. Peron selected her in 1953, when she was 12, for his teen-age harem...The equivalent of twenty Soviet combat divisions are operating as spies, saboteurs and propagandists in the United States, according to a report to Congress by Chairman Walter of the House Committee on Un-American Activities...No country in the world has pushed social security as far as Sweden, offering womb-to-tomb welfare. Sweden's Social Democrats, who maintain that every Swede must be assured a decent standard of living, have enacted the world's most liberal old-age pension plan--63 per cent of maximum wages...A Griffin, Ga., grand jury refused to indict Leo Nahlik, 52, for killing his wife and James Hollis, 16, son of a Negro sharecropper, when he found them together on a sofa...Georgia's Senate unanimously adopted a bill to outlaw inter-racial athletics in a move intended to drive Negroes from the South Atlantic "Sally" baseball league... Church educators were told by Dr. Benjamin Mays, president of Morehouse College of Atlanta, that "man in 1957 is just as brutal, dishonest, hypocritical and mean as he was in 3000 B.C."...Glenmont, in West Orange, N. J., Thomas Edison's home and "thinking bench," as he called it, was dedicated as a national historic site...The National Conference of Christians and Jews bestowed a Brotherhood Award on Marian Anderson, first Negro to sing in the



Metropolitan Opera House...John Scarne, 51, the nation's foremost authority on cards and card sharps, announced that poker is played by four times as many women as men. He estimated that women's poker losses come to \$100,000, 000 a year...Fire whipped through a home for the aged in Warrenton, Mo., trapping many inmates and leaving a death toll of over fifty...Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt willed her eyes to the Eye Bank...James Jones, 35, author of "From Here to Eternity," announced his second novel, "Some Came Running"--2,800 manuscript pages...Josef Hofmann, world-famous pianist, died in Los Angeles at the age of 81...Lord Pethick-Lawrence, 85, a Socialist peer, filed formal notice of intention to marry a widow, Mrs. Helen McCombie, 68...Mrs. Cynthia Delores Corraditti, of Dayton, Ohio, an attractive 23-year-old blonde manicurist who left a trail of seven husbands because "it was hard to find a guy I could trust," was charged with bigamy...The Cordiner Committee's proposed pay increase for the armed forces would bring a master sergeant's base pay to \$100 per week...Mrs. Caroline Milloy Millar, a wealthy Johannesburg widow died and left \$84,000 to Scottish societies in South Africa to encourage the playing of bagpipes...Pope Pius declared in a doctrinal pronouncement that it was permissible to use anesthesia and pain preventives if "an advantage of higher worth" was gained. He declared that the dying might be made unconscious after having received the sacraments...Harold E. Stassen will leave his job as White House disarmament adviser early next year to campaign for the Governorship of Pa...The landlord of a Park Avenue, New York, building in which rentals ran as high as \$480 a month was sentenced to five days in jail for failing to supply adequate heat...Production of the famed Jaguar cars was halted by a fire that swept through the automobile factory in Coventry, England, causing damage estimated in millions of dollars ... Edwin C. Hill, venerated radio news commentator, died at the age of 72...





The Rev. T. H. Verhoeven, a Roman Catholic missionary of Jakarta, Indonesia, found a complete skull of a negrito-type man believed more than a million years old...The resignation of Robert Tripp Ross as Assistant Secretary of Defense was announced. He had been under fire for alleged conflict of interest due to his wife's business activities...Paramount has signed Nat (King) Cole to star in "ST. Louis Blues," the life story of composer W. C. Handy, with Lena Horne as the co-star...Twenty-one convicts of a Pittsburgh penitentiary received accredited high school diplomas after successfully completing secondary school courses via television...Atheists and others petitioned the New York Supreme Court to delete the words "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited in public schools. The court ruled the words must remain, but no child may be forced to say them...Three Navy attack planes accidentally shot up a Coast Guard lighthouse in Chesapeake Bay...A Nazi plan to insure the failure of German-Polish negotiations and thus provide a propaganda excuse for Hitler to launch his attack on Poland and World War II was revealed in "The Last Days of Peace." The volume is based on German documents captured in Berlin...Rex Harrison, 48, star of "My Fair Lady" (most popular play on Broadway), and Lilli Palmer, 41, German-born actress, were divorced. The famous stars were married in 1943 and have an 11-year-old son...Underground sources in Cairo declared that the Nasser regime had executed more than thirty officers and imprisoned many others who were responsible for the collapse of Egyptian forces in the Sinai desert campaign...Actress Merle Oberon will marry Mexico City industrialist Bruno Paglia, who has one of the world's finest art collections...Some food prices may drop as a result of Secretary of Agriculture Benson's lowering the price supports of eight major farm products...A Pennsylvania court set a precedent by voiding the sale of an \$18,000 home on the ground that the sellers had concealed the fact that the structure was termite-infested.









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## MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

In the heart of bustling New York City stands one of the wonders of our age--Rockefeller Center. During the depression thirties a phenomenon breathing faith and vision rose up in New York City, undaunted by odds and obstacles. This inspiring demonstration of American vitality, courage, and resourcefulness came at a crucial moment in our lives. The man on the sidewalk selling apples, gazed spellbound at the soaring, confident prophets of a new era, and felt better.

Row on row of dilapidated brownstone houses, an occasional speakeasy, run-down rooming house--these were the structures that gave way to this marvel of the modern world. Construction for this fabulous "city within a city" was begun in 1931. The fifteenth structure was completed in 1947.

No visitor can escape the thrill of stepping from Fifth Avenue into the Channel Gardens and seeing, for the first time, the striking building reaching to the sky. Even hardened New Yorkers know a tingle of pride and pleasure as they come upon a new view--some undiscovered vista of this magnificent architectural panorama.

Almost as breathtaking as its visual effect are some of the facts concerning it. Here is a community with a daily population of 160,000, equal to that of Spokane, Washington. Here are the business offices of over 1,000 firms ... the world's largest indoor theatre ... an 800' car garage ... 4 acres of beautifully landscaped roof gardens ... 25 restaurants, 200 stores, 6 schools, and the consulates of 20 foreign nations. Here, on twelve and one half acres in the midst of Manhattan, is truly one of man's great achievements.

It is not for its magnitude alone that it has become a significant part of the American scene. An extensive art program was incorporated in the



original concept of this Center. Using the subject "New Frontiers" as a central theme, more than thirty outstanding artists contributed well over one hundred major works which is now considered a most interesting collection of contemporary art. A wide variety of techniques and material was used. In addition to oil painted murals, there are sculpture and carving in wood, stone, stainless steel, aluminum and glass, as well as the use of mosaics, photography, gilding and enameling.

One evening during the time when our friends from Minnesota were studying "Work with the Deaf-Blind" at the Industrial Home for the Blind in Brooklyn, we took them for dinner to the English Grill at Rockefeller Center. This restaurant is located on the lower level of the Plaza. One entire wall is a window offering a view of the large skating rink.

It was a colorful scene--men, women and children in gay costumes whirling past, skates flashing. Instructors in dark green uniforms supported novices, while more proficient skaters danced to the music and cut elaborate figures on the ice. Many a tumble brought laughter but did not dampen spirits. The skaters occasionally dropped into the Grill for a spot of hot coffee or other warming refreshment. At one side of the pond, apparently floating in mid-air, was a huge gold statue of Prometheus. (Prometheus, according to Greek mythology, gave Man fire and the arts it controlled.) Bright flags of all nations floated in the breeze and a constant stream of "sidewalk superintendents" peered over the railing above. Through the window we could see beyond and up into the canyon created by the high buildings surrounding us.

It was a carefree, happy interval for us all.

Annette B. Dinsmore





## FIRST IN MYTH, TOO

By

E. John Long

As the 225th birthday of George Washington approaches, historians and researchers continue to turn up new facts about the life and times of the first President. Simultaneously, the curious body of apocrypha that has always clung to him seems, in a few instances, to become more and more widely accepted, despite its conflict with documented facts.

Hardest of all Washington legends, of course, is the cherry tree story, for which we are indebted to the indefatigable Mason Locke (Parson) Weems. It was not until the fifth edition, published in 1806, of his "The Life and Memorable Actions of George Washington," that the tale appeared. He obtained the details, he then explained, from an "excellent lady" whose name he never did reveal.

The thoroughly discredited cherry tree myth was not invented by Weems. The same story had appeared in print in London in 1799, and Weems may have borrowed from that. Or, it could have been suggested to him by a scene on a crude pottery mug of a type made in Germany in 1770-90, and widely sold in the colonies. It showed a boy hitting a small tree with a hatchet. The mug also bears the initials "G.W." (or "C.W.") and "1776."

Washington does not mention a penknife, the gift of his mother, in any of his voluminous diaries, journals and account books, but he is supposed to have carried one in his pocket from boyhood to death. The "original" is on display in the Masonic Memorial to Washington in Alexandria, Va., and a replica may be purchased for \$2 at the souvenir stand within the Memorial.

The penknife comes into Washington apocrypha in an account of the



troubled days at Valley Forge, related years later. A supposedly discouraged Washington, the story goes, called his officers together to announce his resignation as Commander in Chief. Among the officers was one who knew about the penknife, and that Washington carried it with him as a reminder of the injunction from his mother--"always obey your superiors"--when she gave him the knife as a reward for acceding to her request to resign a commission in the English Navy.

Reminding Washington of this, the officer rashly added: "You were commanded to lead this army, and no one has ordered you to cease." Washington, the account adds, dramatically tore up his resignation.

Although records of the encampment at Valley Forge are fairly complete, including the journals and letters of several of Washington's officers, there is no mention of this meeting whereby the fate of the nation seems to have hung by a blade. Nor did his mother's teachings appear to affect Washington's momentous decision to disobey his superior, King George III, in order to make common cause with his fellow-countrymen.

From a painting springs the myth that George Washington visited Betsy Ross during the period she supposedly was making--for this, too, is legend--the first Stars and Stripes, and suggested that five-pointed instead of six-pointed stars to be used. The record shows, however, that Washington was not in Philadelphia at the time. Nor is there any evidence to support the belief that the Washington family coat-of-arms, bearing a star-and-stripe motif, was considered by the Congressional committee that planned the flag.

Then there is the dramatic canvas showing the midwinter crossing of the Delaware River, with Washington standing high in the bow of one of the boats as the Stars and Stripes waves in the moonlight. This painting, done by a German in the nineteenth century, really hits the jackpot. Not only are the boats of the wrong type, but it seems hardly likely that Washington, a





prudent man, would so recklessly expose himself to a possible enemy sniper, or to the effects of a collision with the ice floes all around. Nor did the flag shown exist at the time.

Among miscellaneous myths might be included that of the elaborate ball Washington is said to have attended with his mother at Fredericksburg, Va., to celebrate the victory at Yorktown. His mother at the time was far away in the Blue Ridge Mountains, and Washington himself was in deep mourning for his beloved stepson, Jacky Curtis.

There is also the tale that when the British General, Edward Braddock, fell at the Battle of the Monongahela in 1755, Washington took command and rescued the troops. While it is true that Washington and the American colonial forces did what they could to reorganize the panic-stricken British regulars in this battle of the French and Indian Wars, Washington, who had just left a sickbed to rejoin Braddock's army as an aide to the general, did not assume command.

Another Washington myth was commemorated in 1936 when the late Walter Johnson, the great pitcher of the Washington Senators, accepted a challenge to throw a dollar across the Rappahannock River at Fredericksburg, the spot where Washington is said to have done so. The first American dollar was not minted until some years after Washington's alleged feat. (One variation of the tale is that it was a Spanish coin about the size of a dollar.) Suffice it to say that Johnson threw two out of three souvenir dollars across the river, to the huzzahs of a large crowd and the frowns of serious Washington scholars.

And there are many Americans who go on believing that Washington counseled the nation: "Entangling alliances with none." Actually, it was Jefferson who said this, in his first inaugural address, and the phrase was pointed primarily at France, then wishing to use the young America as an



overseas base for operations against Napoleon's European enemies, notably Britain.

So Washinton mythology rolls on. In a strange inversion, many wishful believers challenge the historian who upsets their illusions with: "Let those who disbelieve come forth with proof." And it is only in comparatively recent years that historians have dared to bring into focus something of the true image of Washington as soldier, statesman and citizen extraordinary.

While none of them suggests that Washington folklore and legend be discarded, there is a growing feeling that mythology should be so labeled. At least one, historian Moncure D. Conway, takes a philosophical view. "Washington mythology," he says, "is a folklore such as must always invest the founders of nations or men of the people. Washington is entitled to his 'Washington lore' by which he is rather draped than disguised."

The New York Times



## BETSIE BARKS

Hello! How are you? I'm fine.

Some other Seeing Eye dogs have raincoats. But I have boots too. That makes me important, I think.

They are special boots--made just for me. They are soft leather and pretty--not plastic or rubber. They have gussets in them that fold, and there are ties that go round and round to hold them on.

People put salt down on the streets when it snows, and salt hurts my feet. I like my boots because they keep the salt out of my paws. But I like the boots best because they make people look at me.

The Boss has a hard time putting the boots on me and it takes a long time. When I wear them, the Boss stops on every corner to see if they are still on.

One morning a lady came running after us and said "Here is the dog's shoe." The Boss said "Thank you very, very much." Then the Boss carried that boot and kept asking people if I still had the other three on. But when we got to the office, another was gone. The Boss was very unhappy and everyone was sorry. I was sorry too. Then one of the girls went out in the snow to look for the boot. She found it somewhere and brought it back. That was a big help and made us all happy again.

The next time the Boss put on my boots, she was very careful and tied them on tight and we had no more trouble.

The Boss says it takes longer to put on my boots than to get dressed herself.

Thank you and goodbye.

Betsie Dinsmore





## NEWS CAPSULES

John Howard Griffin, 36, of Mansfield, Texas, author of a best-selling novel in 1952, "The Devil Rides outside," suddenly, while walking to his workshop, regained his sight after ten years of blindness. "It was a terrible shock," he said. "I received no jar, no bump...suddenly everything looked like red sand in front of my eyes. Then I saw the outline of the door. I went inside and called a Mansfield doctor who rushed right over. I was near collapse." While serving as an Air Force sergeant during World War II, he suffered a concussion when a B-24 loaded with bombs exploded. His vision gradually faded. Mr. Griffin said an eye specialist told him that a 12-year-old blockage of the circulation of blood to the optic nerve had been broken, enabling him to see again.

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Actress Ingrid Bergman returned to the United States for the first time since 1949 to accept an award from the New York Film Critics, who chose her performance in "Anastasia" as the best by a movie actress in 1956. She denied rumors that she would divorce Robert Rosellini, the Italian film director she married in 1950, seven days after the first of their three children was born. "I have had a wonderful life," she asserted. "I have never regretted what I did. I regret the things I didn't do. My life has been rich and full of interesting things. All my life I have done things at moment's notice. Those are the things we remember. I was given courage, a sense of adventure and a little bit of humor." Despite her warm smile, Swedish accent and soft gray eyes, the American public has not forgiven her notoriety.

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Senator Estes Kefauver introduced a bill to impose Federal penalties on the interstate "black market" traffic in babies. The Tennessee Democrat told the Senate that underworld figures had built the interstate sale of babies for adoption to a \$15,000,000 a year fraudulent enterprise. Children are sold at prices from \$500 to \$10,000 each. He said a network had been built that regarded the approximately 160,000 children born out of wedlock each year as "a human reservoir for the baby seller to prey on." Senator Kefauver's bill, similar to one passed by the Senate last year that died in House, would impose penalties up to \$10,000 fine and five years in prison for violations.

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U. S. District Judge Matthew F. McGuire reserved decision on a Government motion to dismiss a suit in which President Eisenhower was the defendant. The suit was brought by Mrs. Rita Van Wees of the Bronx, N. Y. She contended that President Eisenhower as Commander in Chief of the nation's military forces "abandoned" her soldier son in Korea. The son Cpl. Ronald Van Wees has been reported as missing. Mrs. Van Wees said she believed he was in the hands of the North Korean Communists. Her suit sought to force President Eisenhower to take "resolute action" in determining the son's fate. Judge McGuire advised Mrs. Van Wees it was his opinion he had no power to act. Government attorneys maintained the court was without jurisdiction in this case.

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The latest in gadgetry is a device that enables any do-it-yourself addict, with or without sight, to give himself a professional-looking trim in half the time it takes a barber using clippers and scissors. The "Rolcut," priced at \$7.95 and guaranteed for one year, automatically cuts the hair on a graduated plane, preset according to the style desired. It is non-electrical and works somewhat on the principle of a lawn mower, using a single-edged





razor blade as a cutting head. Some barbers gloomily presaged that this contrivance would do to the barber and his barber's pole what factory-made tobacco products did to the tobacconist and his wooden Indian.

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The Pennsylvania Superior Court has ruled that blood tests may not be used to determine paternity in support cases. The 4-3 decision was made in the case of Robert J. O'Brien, who demanded a blood test to prove he was not the father of a child, Richard, born in 1947 to his since-divorced wife, Adele. The majority opinion held that to sustain O'Brien would mean that paternity could be brought into every support case and that the question would often be raised solely to embarrass and delay. This decision may set a precedent for other states to follow as such cases are becoming increasingly common.

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Time was when Fido's place was in the home, or the dog house. But today, women take their dogs along when shopping for anything from fur coats to perfumes. Fashionable stores along Fifth Ave. provide refreshments for canine shoppers. A saleswoman in a glove department hands out malted milk tablets. Another store has a "dog bar"--a water trough in front of the building. And at one exclusive shoppe dogs can eat biscuits and candy in a special toggery salon, and the head of that department sends his four-footed customers birthday cards. One shop is devoted expressly to dog fashions and grooming. Items include custom-made velvet dinner jackets, raincoats, terrycloth bathrobes, rubber snow boots and plastic ear protectors. Leading a dog's life--on Fifth Avenue--is not so bad after all.

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## BREAKING THE LANGUAGE BARRIERS

By

Charles G. Ritter

(At the recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, many papers were read and manifold prototypes exhibited of interest to the blind and deaf-blind. Here Mr. Ritter, who was accorded the distinction of opening the discussion on "Aid for Environmental Control" with a talk, "Breaking the Language Barriers," briefly touches on two of the devices which appear to hold the most promise for the deaf-blind.--Ed.)

Perhaps most interesting to the deaf and deaf-blind was a paper by Dr. Sze-Hou Chang of Northeastern University called "Reduction of Speech Signals for Easier Transmission." Not a very promising title, you will agree. And if you saw all the apparatus now required, it might look even less promising. But sometimes these things can boil down to a sensible size after the bugs have been worked out.

What the device does is listen to speech, then analyze it and break it down to six or seven parts. We heard put-together speech made from the six and seven signals, and it was surprisingly intelligible.

Now if these six signals can tell a mere machine how to talk, can't we hope that they would be able to tell a deaf person how to understand what is being said? We don't know--yet.

There was earlier work to try to convey to the deaf speech information by breaking sound into a series of bands with a gadget called "Felix." There is hope that Dr. Chang's device may be a more meaningful approach.

The listener would wear six buttons; they would vibrate at different rates and different intensities. Could one learn to put the impulses together and have them seem like words? Nobody knows. It might take years of





## SPORTS SHOTS

Ex-Dodger Jackie Robinson--now vice-president of Chock Full o' Nuts--declared that night-clubbing by "key" players cost the Milwaukee Braves the pennant in the National League last season...Recently retired "Fireball" Feller named an All-Star club of opponents--the toughest players he faced during his twenty-one years as a pitching ace: Lou Gehrig, N. Y., 1st base; Charlie Gehringer, Detroit, 2nd base; Red Rolfe, N. Y., 3d base; Lou Boudreau, Cleveland, shortstop; Ted Williams, Boston, Joe DiMaggio and Tommy Henrich, N. Y., outfielders; Bill Dickey, N. Y. catcher; Hal Newhouser, Detroit, left-handed pitcher, and Red Ruffing, N. Y., right-handed pitcher...The Brooks will be flying high next season--in an \$800,000, 44-passenger plane...Franny Hamner of the Phillies, one of the best shortstops in the majors will try to make the grade as a pitcher...The American League clubs will play a total of 237 night games this year, against 228 in 1956...The New York Baseball Writers Ass'n. awarded Mickey Mantle its player of the year plaque...For switch-hitters, like Mickey Mantle, Ralph J. Liberi of N.Y.C. has invented what he terms an "ambidextrous bat"...Gene Fullmer won the middleweight title, outpointing Sugar Ray Robinson in 15 rounds at Madison Square Garden...A non-profit organization has been formed by a pair of Norfolk, Neb., businessmen to raise \$1,250,000 to clear Joe Louis from his income tax debt...Mrs. Pat McCormick, a double Olympic diving champion in 1952 and 1956, will be honored as first winner of the Babe Didrikson Zaharias Trophy at a presentation dinner in Chicago June 26...Milt Campbell, 22, of Plainfield, N. J., the 1956 Olympic decathlon champion, has been named "Athlet of the Year" by the Philadelphia Sports Writers Ass'n.





## MARGINALIA

President Eisenhower received the George Washington Carver Memorial Institute gold award "for outstanding contributions to the betterment of race relations and human welfare."...Arturo Toscanini, the greatest conductor of our time, died in his sleep at his home in Riverdale, N. Y. He would have been 90 years old March 25...Dr. Edward Teller, "father of the hydrogen bomb," asserted a series of deep shelters would protect civilian populations against nuclear warfare; that "even under the most serious attack," the casualties need not be greater than in past wars...Sixteen women are serving in the Eighty-Fifth Congress--equaling a record set at the start of the last Congress ...Repatriated Japanese war prisoners reported that Russia was holding 1,300,000 prisoners in labor camps in Siberia, most of them from Ukrania, Poland, Hungary and Germany...The Post Office Department said it was "giving consideration" to a move to raise the postage rate on letters from 3 to 5 cents...Senator Francis Case introduced a bill to authorize a five-year experimental program in rain-making by the Air Force. A companion bill would authorize a \$5,000,000 five-year rainmaking research program...Film star Humphrey Bogart, 57, died of cancer...Senator Joseph R. McCarthy announced that he and his wife have adopted "the best looking baby in the whole world." They obtained the five-week-old, ten-pound girl from the Foundling Home of New York City...The Polish armed forces are to discontinue the wearing of Soviet uniforms as another gesture on the part of the Communist leadership to mollify the people of Poland...The University of Cincinnati disciplined thirty-one students for violating university regulations in connection with a morals charge brought by a 15-year-old girl. Criminal assault charges were not contemplated because she, too, was reprehensible... Moscow announced that the Soviet Union was building a winged ship to ride



about a foot and a half above the water. It will be launched in April and commissioned next summer...Mrs. Oliver Jones of North Grafton, Mass., niece of Rev. Michael J. Kenely, is contesting the will of the Catholic priest who left all but a few minor bequests of \$1,500,000 estate to his housekeeper. The late 73-year-old priest amassed his estate by shrewd investments, the court said...Senator Homer E. Capehart asked the Senate to restore the citizenship of General Robert E. Lee on the 150th anniversary of the Confederate leader's birth...American and French officials dedicated a plaque on the Hotel Crillon in Paris to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Woodrow Wilson's birth. He and other officials drafted the League of Nations there in 1919...Rep. Daniel J. Flood said that the United States did not have an effective military force for dealing with "creeping" Communist aggression. Top defense planners are "putting all our eggs in the hydrogen basket," he asserted...The Rev. David H. McAlpin, who is married to the former Joan Rockefeller, was ordained as associate pastor of the Witherspoon St. Presbyterian Church in Princeton, N. J. He is the 114-year-old Negro Church's first white pastor...British social circles are predicting that Princess Margaret will marry 30-year-old Billy Wallace, the millionaire stepson of American editor Herbert Agar. He and Margaret, now 26, have been "good friends" since their teens...Nora Sun, 20-year-old granddaughter of the founder of the Republic of China, was married to an American pilot, Capt. Connie Seigrist, 35, of Catoca, Okla...The atomic submarine Nautilus, with more than 50,000 miles behind it, is about to be refuelled for the first time, proving its almost unlimited cruising range as originally predicted...John Bodkin Adams, physician at the fashionable English resort city of Brighton, was charged with poisoning three of his patients for their estates. ..The latest imported food from Japan is baby bees, prepared with soy sauce, sugar and monosodium glutamate, at 98 cents for a 3½-ounce can...An eight-pound baby girl, born to Mrs. Suzanne Neilson, 32, made medical history by





being her mother's eighth child born by Caesarean section...The Swedish and Italian Lines were reported to be near an out-of-court agreement to abandon their claims against each other for the collision of the liners Andrea Doria and Stockholm...Gondolfo Miranti, 37, pleaded guilty to "conspiring and maiming" (blinding) labor columnist Victor Riesel. He faces a maximum sentence of sixteen years in prison...The vogue of "le streep-teeze" has swept Paris like a forest fire. In the last twelve months it has saved twenty-three theaters and cabarets from going out of business... The Supreme Court agreed to hear the appeal of twenty-three writers and actors for damages against the motion picture industry for their blacklisting after invoking the Fifth Amendment in hearings on Communism...The long trail of the "Mad Bomber"--a psychotic who had been planting bombs in public places throughout New York for the last sixteen years--ended with the arrest of George Metesky, 53, an ex-Edison Co. employee...The 5,000-mile Snark guided missile is scheduled for assignment next year to Strategic Air Command units on a test basis...Charles Van Doren, 30-year-old English instructor at Columbia University, defeated two contestants on the NBC quiz show Twenty-One to run his winnings to \$104,500--television's biggest jackpot. He is the son of Mark Van Doren, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet...The world's most expensive coffee pot--solid gold encrusted with diamonds and rubies and valued at \$50,000--which mysteriously disappeared while in transit, was recovered by the FBI with the arrest of shipping clerk Oscar Smith, 44... Former King Leopold, 55, was appointed head of a survey commission to study means of applying scientific progress in Belgium and the Belgian Congo--his first official post since his abdication five years ago...Javier Pereira, 167--the world's oldest man--who pursued an airliner hostess during his flight to New York last year and ardently kissed nurses and newspaper women, has inspired the Colombian government to issue two series of postage stamps bearing his likeness and the legend: "Don't worry, drink coffee and smoke a good cigar."



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## MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

Early in 1957 special services for deaf-blind adults will be initiated at the Rehabilitation Center in Minnesota, a regional center administered by the Minneapolis Society for the Blind. During the latter part of January one staff member from the Minneapolis Society and one from Minnesota State Services for the Blind will come to New York to study the techniques necessary in working with deaf-blind people--particularly methods of communication

The course, sponsored by the American Foundation for the Blind, will be given at the Industrial Home for the Blind in Brooklyn, and will take from two to three weeks.

It seems appropriate and gratifying to start the new year with a project of this kind. We feel that it is a direct outgrowth of the Workshop held here last February, the paper presented at the convention of the American Association of Workers for the Blind in July, and the trip to Minnesota made this Fall.

The Rehabilitation Center will be in a position to offer equally effective services to deaf-blind individuals as are now given to blind persons--diagnostic services, orientation, occupational therapy, demands of daily living, and vocational counseling. We shall all follow the progress out there in the Midwest and wish them great success.

This year in the seven schools which have Departments for Deaf-Blind Children, there are sixty-six pupils enrolled, fifteen of whom have entered these departments for the first time. The figures represent a definite increase over the last several years and are encouraging indeed!

It is the very young deaf-blind child--the child at home not yet ready for school--for whom we feel the greatest concern at present. Such a child



has no means of expressing himself and is subject to the emotional reactions of parents and friends who may have been influenced by erroneous interpretations of professional people. He may even have been pronounced defective when perfectly capable of becoming self-reliant with proper guidance and help. Such a child is faced with the necessity of learning to do things without understanding the world around him and with no speech to make his needs understood.

Parents need help and workers need guidance in order to counsel them and give practical assistance. Above all, everyone around him needs to have faith in the child.

One of the Christmas cards received this year contains a prayer that seems exceptionally fitting:

Dear Father, hear and bless  
Thy beasts and singing birds,  
And guard with tenderness  
Small things that have no words.

Annette B. Dinsmore





## MEDICINE'S GREAT FUTURE

The New Year is always a time for new hope. And scientists at the University of Pittsburgh Health Center are brimful of cheer. All along the battlefield in the unending war on disease, optimism prevails as the scientists peek twenty-five years into the future to see what's ahead in medicine.

The forecasts are breathtaking and heartwarming. For example:

Dr. Jonas E. Salk foresees vaccines to prevent hay fever, measles, rheumatic fever and some types of colds.

Dr. Campbell Moses envisions a blood test for cancer, a cure for leukemia and a drug for reducing heart attacks in young and middle-aged men.

Dr. Thaddeus S. Danowski predicts successful transplantation of kidneys and lungs in human beings and special television devices that will enable the blind to see for the first time in history.

Dr. I. Arthur Mirsky is sure diabetics will be able to substitute a pill for the insulin needle and we might even get a medicine that will work on the order of a vaccine to prevent diabetes altogether.

Dr. Samuel M. Wishik predicts a substantial reduction in cerebral palsy and mental retardation, chiefly through better care of expectant mothers and better control of premature births.

Dr. Henry W. Brosin foresees a drop in the admission rates of mental hospitals and shorter stays for those who do wind up there.

The optimism extends even to the City Department of Public Health, where Deputy Director Arthur H. Baker forecasts a drug to prevent tooth decay and an increase of at least five years in the average life expectancy.

Just as every rose has its thorns, however, the picture of health twenty-five years hence is marred by a few misgivings. For one thing, Dr.



Moses warns: "People will not only be alive longer than ever, they'll be alive and well--and that will pose a serious social problem because we'll have to figure out what to do with all the old folks."

These forecasts are not the rantings of crackpots. They come from sound men of science who have first-hand knowledge of what's cooking in the field of medicine and what the prospects are for success.

Take that vaccine for hay fever envisioned by Dr. Salk, the famed Pitt scientist who spearheaded the research that produced the polio vaccine bearing his name.

It's not as fantastic as it may sound, Dr. Salk says. After all, he points out, people for years have been getting shots to "desensitize" them against hay fever during the ragweed season. Actually, Dr. Salk relates, these shots are aimed at building an immunity to hay fever.

"All we have to do is develop more lasting shots," he asserts. "The basic principles of immunology should apply to allergies like hay fever the same as they do to various other conditions."

In twenty-five years, Dr. Salk adds, "many acute infectious diseases of childhood should be under substantial control." Among other things, he foresees a vaccine for measles, a really good vaccine for mumps, a vaccine for rheumatic fever and "it would not be surprising" if we also have vaccines for some of the "common respiratory diseases"--those we usually classify as colds.

If you're concerned about all the shots Junior will have to face twenty-five years from now, stop worrying. Dr. Salk says "it is conceivable many immunizing agents can be incorporated into a single vaccine." Indeed, he foresees the day when one big jumbo shot will be able to protect an individual against as many as a dozen different diseases.

Dr. Wishik, who is professor of maternal and child health at Pitt's





Graduate School of Public Health, is even more optimistic. He believes science will find a way to pack all these vaccines into one giant pill--so the needle can be retired from service.

Speaking of pills, Dr. Wishik also envisions a competitor for today's vitamin pill. It will be an enzyme capsule, tailored to sparkplug high-octane chemical reactions in the body that will produce sounder health through improved nutrition. Better nutrition, he says, will reduce the number of premature babies and this, in turn, will bring about a decrease in cerebral palsy, mental retardation and other inborn defects. Control of "seemingly minor conditions during pregnancy," which science will be able to pinpoint in the next quarter century, will lead to a further reduction of damaged babies.

The infants will have a greater life expectancy than ever, Dr. Baker says. Twenty-five years from now, he prophesies, women will have an average life span of at least 75 years and men, at least 73. That's five years over today's par.

What's more, Dr. Baker says, they'll be able to hang on to their own teeth longer than ever. He believes science will come up with a long-lasting drug to "eliminate mouth bacteria" which cause tooth decay."

The health official also foresees a drug that will actually cure tuberculosis so that twenty-five years from now "TB will be just about as rare as is diphtheria is today." Polio, adds Dr. Salk, "will be just a memory in the U.S." And as for the flu--"the means for preventing influenza epidemics is at our disposal right now."

What about diabetes? Dr. Mirsky, head of the department of clinical science, says it is "almost a certainty" that the insulin needle is doomed. Probably within a few years, he reports, diabetes will be controlled "by mouth"--either by a special pill or a special diet.



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Indeed, Dr. Mirsky relates, it may be possible to build up chemical fighters in the body--the way a vaccine does--to combat the substances which destroy insulin in a diabetic. In effect, we then would have a vaccine to prevent diabetes.

In twenty-five years, Dr. Mirsky adds, science will develop tests that will be capable of picking out who is likely to get hardening of the arteries or ulcers or a mental ailment. Then, by employing newer knowledge, it should be possible to keep these folks out of trouble by cushioning them from the stresses they can't stand.

Dr. Brosin, chairman of the department of psychiatry, predicts proportionately fewer people will have to go to mental institutions, And those who do won't stay as long as now. This will be so, he explains, because science will work out methods for better and earlier diagnosis of mental disease and have "more specialized treatments" which will be more effective. Not only will there be better drugs for emotional ailments but psychotherapy--the art of treating such patients by letting them talk out their troubles--will blossom into a superb skill, Dr. Brosin states.

As for today's two main killers--heart disease and cancer--Dr. Moses, director of the Addison H. Gibson Research Laboratory, predicts spectacular progress against them in the next quarter century.

"There will be drugs to cure some types of cancer," he says, "especially leukemia (cancer of the blood). Deep-seated tumors will remain a problem but surgery for cancer will be less important than it is now."

Dr. Moses also forecasts a blood test for cancer like the one for syphilis, which will make mass screening possible so that cancer can be detected even before any symptoms appear.

Heart disease? That's a tough one. But Dr. Moses predicts a reduction in the heart toll through dietary changes, with people eating less fat and



more synthetic foods. He also foresees a decrease in premature heart attacks--those occurring in middle age--through the development of drugs "which will act like pipe cleaners" to ream out the arteries so the rust-like corrosion that leads to hardening of the blood vessels and heart-clogging clots can be scraped away.

Of course, sooner or later, people--like autos--are going to wear out. But don't despair, says Dr. Danowski, professor of research medicine and a world authority on kidney function. Inside of twenty-five years, he says, it will be possible to take a kidney from one person and transplant it into another. The same will be true of lungs, he adds.

Actually, Dr. Danowski observes, the hitch here will be a lack of organs to transplant--"people aren't going to be willing to die so somebody else can get their kidneys and lungs."

But even this hurdle will be overcome, the doctor says. He foresees the development of "artificial kidneys no larger than hearing aids," which folks whose own kidneys wear out will be able to strap to their bodies to carry on. "Substitute lungs" also will be built.

At the same time, Dr. Danowski asserts, there will be electronic eyes for the sightless--"the blind will be able to see with the aid of television perceptrors tied into the brain."

It's a bright picture these scientists have painted for us of the year 1982.

The Pittsburgh Press





## BETSIE BARKS

Hello! How are you? I'm fine.

Christmas packages are pretty and so are birthday packages. The most fun is to open them and find the surprises inside.

Do you know how to open a package? I will tell you.

Put the package on the floor between your paws. Hold it with one paw while you tear the paper carefully with your toenails. Push off the ribbon and bite the paper when it sticks--but be careful not to scratch the present. Sometimes you have to chew bits of paper--but be sure to spit them out.

It is important, too, to wave your tail all the time you are unwrapping the package so people know you are pleased.

When someone takes the present away from you to see it, keep close to them and make sure they give it back. After all, it belongs to you!

This year I unwrapped lots of things--balls, a crackle bone, a squeaky mouse, and some new surprises--a little football, and a rubber ear of corn that is bright yellow and snaps when you bend it, like popcorn.

I hope Santa brought you some pretty packages with nice surprises too.

Happy New Year.

Betsie Dinsmore



## NEWS CAPSULES

In Wildwood, Fla., a 39-year-old Negro, Jesse Woods, was arrested on charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He was alleged to have said either "Hello baby" or "Hi honey" to a white woman. Woods was released from prison on a \$50 bond. He returned to the jail a few minutes later, saying that some white men were following him and that he wanted protection. The police chief readmitted him to the jail. The next day while the police chief was chasing a car, Woods was abducted from the prison.

In Alabama, where the FBI found him, he said seven white men had broken into jail, took him to a wooded area, flogged him and turned him loose. Last month the seven men were arrested; two admitted being present at the flogging. At the trial Woods said he could not identify any of them. Four other state witnesses identified some of the accused but hedged their answers with so many "I don't know" that the defense and prosecution attorneys asked the judge to end the trial for lack of evidence. The seven were acquitted.

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While thirty members of his sect--many of them in tears--listened, a young Mennonite told the court. "My religious beliefs prevent me from serving a master over God." The judge, A. D. Barksdale, sitting in U. S. District Court, convicted Aaron W. Hoover, 29, of New Holland, Pa., and sent him to jail for two years as a draft dodger. "This case is distressing," Judge Barksdale said, "but I must uphold the laws of the land." Hoover was accused of violating an amendment to the Selective Service Act that calls for CO's (conscientious objectors) to work as civilians in institutions, such as hospitals, for two years. Hoover said his religion teaches that a citizen's obligations to his government end with the paying of taxes. He



told the court: "We will render unto Caesar those things which are Caesar's and unto God those things which are God's."

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On his seventy-fifth birthday Winston Churchill announced "I am ready to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter." Year after year the ordeal has been postponed--to the joy of all and the enrichment of English letters. Last month, with his wife "Clemmie" by his side and surrounded by three of his four children and nine grandchildren, he celebrated his eighty-second birthday. A photographer who was taking the birthday picture said, "I hope to take your picture on your 100th birthday." Sir Winston stared at him for half a minute, then said in withering tones: "I see no reason why you shouldn't, young man--you look hale and hearty enough."

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The wayward track of a huge inter-continental guided missile that escaped from Air Force control somewhere over the Atlantic baffled officials of two nations. The defense Department conceded it did not know what had happened to the winged, pilotless bomber it was testing at Patrick Air Base, Florida. It may have landed in the Amazon jungles of Brazil, an official said. The escaped missile was believed to be a Snark, its mechanism set for a total flight of about 3,000 miles. The Snark, 74 feet long with a swept-back wingspread of 42 feet, has a speed of 600 mph and is designed to carry an atomic warhead over "inter-continental distances."

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Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary was tortured by Red secret police for twenty-nine days and nights before his trial on treason charges in 1949, he disclosed. The Cardinal said he had been stripped nude, beaten for days on end with a rubber hose, kept in a cold, damp cell to irritate his weak





lung, forced to watch obscene orgies and questioned without sleep throughout the entire period. When he collapsed, he was revived immediately to deprive him of rest, but no drugs were used to make him confess to trumped-up treason charges. The Cardinal was released from prison during the short-lived Hungarian rebellion and received asylum in the U. S. legation in Budapest by order of President Eisenhower.

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A New York optometrist unveiled a new "vision corrector" lens which, he said, would restore working vision to more than 500,000 persons now considered legally blind. Dr. William Feinbloom, inventor of the optical device, exhibited it for the quarterly educational meeting of the New Jersey Optometric Assn. It is based on the principle of "increasing the light-gathering power of the eye." By use of a hemisphere in lens form, partially blind eyes may receive a 400 per cent increase in vision, maintaining a 90-degree undistorted field of vision as compared with the average 30 per cent in most corrective lenses.

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Since man was evicted from the Garden of Eden, he has been devising traps to snare creatures on land, under the sea and in the air. But not until last month did he realize that he has become a victim to his own trap building, when B. Altman & Co., a Fifth Ave. emporium, advertised "a man trap, for the girl who has everything except a man." The cunningly camouflaged man catcher, which weighs 75 pounds and costs \$95, sinks thirteen jagged teeth into the hapless male's leg. One thoughtful blonde asked the sales woman, "After I trap him, will he be able to walk to the altar?" "Well," was the philosophical reply, "if the mountain doesn't come to Mohammed... the preacher could come to the hospital."



## TRIVIA

GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT - Abercrombie & Fitch advertised an economy sized lie detector for the home, priced at a measly \$24.95, an elite gentlemen's fraternity issued a hasty manifesto: "If any wife of ours stooped to such a device we would crown her with it."

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NUTS ABOUT HER? - A fellow in Honolulu collected a good night kiss that really packed a wallop. As he hugged his girl friend, a coconut fell forty feet off a tree and smacked him on the head. The amorous one woke up in the hospital.

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HOW DEEP IS THE OCEAN? - In Brixlegg, Austria, Frau Elsie Ellenunter decided to test her husband's love, coyly planted a faked, self-addressed love letter on a table, learned the extent of his devotion when he chased her from the house with a kitchen knife.

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RED SHOES & THE SUNSET - Rummaging for a pair of red shoes at a dollar-day counter, Sherida Weber, of Elgin, Ill., spotted a single shoe, saw its mate in the hand of another customer, refused to part with hers, camped near her opponent for five hours until, just before closing time, she agreed to a coin toss, lost, impulsively bought ten pairs of assorted styles.

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CONTINENTAL DEFENSE - In Mexico City chronic church-robbers Diaz, Ruiz and Monroy assured police that they always knelt before looting a chapel, added that they feared no heavenly wrath because: "God is too occupied with European affairs to pay any attention to us."





## SPORTS SHOTS

After ten brilliant years with Brooklyn, Jackie Robinson, 38, the first Negro major leaguer, was traded to the Giants for Dick Littlefield, a left-handed pitcher, and some \$30,000 in cash...Bob Feller, the Van Meter, Iowa, ploughboy who grew up to become the major league strikeout king and one of baseball's greatest of all pitchers, has decided to retire from active service after 21 years with the Indians...Duke Snider of the Dodgers, the National League home run king, also led in slugging percentage with .598. Joe Adcock of Mil. was next to Snider with .597, based on total bases divided by total at bats. Others near the top were Henry Aaron of Mil. and Frank Robinson of Cincinnati, .558 each, and Willie Mays of the Giants .557. Snider also showed the way in total walks, 99, including a new record of 26 intentional passes...The Cardinals closed a ten-player deal with the Cubs. The Cards obtained Jones, Davis, pitchers; Landrith, a catcher, and Miksis, an infielder. The Cubs received Poholsky, Collum, pitchers; Katt, a catcher; Lammers, an infielder, who will be sent to their Los Angeles farm, and two unannounced minor leaguers...Frank Robinson, Cincinnati left fielder, and Luis Aparicio, Chicago White Sox shortstop, won the two major league awards as rookies of 1956...The Senators signed Walter (Boom Boom) Beck as the pitching coach to succeed Joe Haynes, promoted to club vice president. Beck is a former major league pitcher...Herman Hickman, former football player and coach, received the Touchdown Club Award for his "outstanding service to American football"...Floyd Patterson will wait until June before defending the world heavyweight championship he won by knocking out Archie Moore in Chicago last November...Buddy Baer, who is 6-ft. 5, just ended his sports career. His new job is with TV's "Circus Boy." Baer explained his move: "I'm too old for boxing, and too short for basketball."



## MARGINALIA

Prime Minister Nehru said that 25,000 Hungarians and 7,000 Russians had died in the battle of Budapest. He said the best way to prevent similar tragedies in future was for all foreign troops to be removed from European countries...Perry H. Young, 37, was the first Negro pilot to be hired by any of this country's scheduled passenger lines, by the New York Airways...Dr. Norman B. Kanof at the meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology warned that newly developed pills to promote quick sun tanning might induce cancer in susceptible persons...Bernard M. Baruch, 86-year-old financier has come out against any state law to bar employers from discriminating against job applicants over forty years old...The Washington Municipal Court of Appeals ruled that a loan company which mistakenly overcharged 72 cents interest on a \$300 loan must forfeit the loan...Frances Mathews, 78, who had been a shoplifter since 1915, died and left \$50,000 to guide dogs for the blind...Dr. Ellsworth Barnard, professor of English at Bowdoin College in Maine, said there ain't nothing wrong with ain't nor even who instead of whom nor with will instead of shall nor even with I instead of me. He said usage is what counts, not the ancient book rules.. .Mrs. Sonje Juznig, 26, wife of the vice consul of Yugoslavia, was arrested for stealing \$26 worth of goods from a department store in San Francisco...Alger Hiss will tell for the first time his version of his famous perjury trial, in a book "The Court of Public Opinion."...The United States has suspended its new program of cultural exchanges with the Soviet Union in protest against the Russians' suppression of the Hungarian revolt...Senator Stuart Symington said that the U. S. was developing too many different missiles; that the Soviet Union was seriously threatening to pass the U. S. in quality of weapons and already had raced ahead in quantity...Thirty-





four of the forty-six Hungarian Olympic team members who refused to go home to Hungary went to North and South America; the other twelve remained in Australia...Mrs. Gerda V. Olson, a waitress in her own shop said she received a \$1,000 tip for serving a customer she identified only as "Mr. Johnson" a ten-cent cup of coffee...The Census Bureau reported that last March there were 95.1 men per 100 women in the U. S.; in 1950 there were 97.3 men to every 100 women...Pressure from the AFL-CIO resulted in the removal of Eugene C. James, secretary-treasurer of the 75,000-member Laundry Workers Union, accused of embezzling \$900,000 in welfare funds. This was the first house-cleaning act of the united labor movement...A Church of England court unfrocked Rev. Philip Wilson Ross, 52, for pretending to have been drowned while swimming and running off with a wealthy woman to live in Switzerland under an assumed name, while his wife, children and parishioners mourned him...While projectionist, Salvatore Arini, 21, was running off a dental film on hypnotism at a dental meeting and watching the picture very closely, of a patient being hypnotized, he suddenly fainted. Psychologists claimed he was hypnotized by the movie...The Government authorized the nation's commercial banks to increase the interest rate on savings accounts from  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  to 3%...Mrs. Lillian Jone, 57, won a five pound contest prize for the cleanest home in Leyton, a London suburb. Mrs. Jones has been blind since birth...A dozen racketeers have asked President Eisenhower to sponsor legislation readmitting them to the U. S. The deported men, including (Lucky) Charles Luciano, complained Italy kept them under constant police watch...Eloy Romero, 23, and Ralph Visconti, 26, of N.Y.C., were arrested after selling heroin to three minors. They were the first to be arrested under a new federal law providing a possible death penalty for selling narcotics to minors...Robert Earle Hughes--the largest man alive at 1041 lbs--arrived in New York from Hannibal, Mo., on an air





freight plane for a TV show. A hydraulic freight lift was used to put Mr. Hughes on the plane and the charge for the flight was \$227, the regular freight rate...Stanley Brown, father of six children, was put on trial for disorderly conduct after he threw his one-year-old daughter into a creek with the remark that it made "one less mouth to feed."...Canon Charles Raven, 71, chaplain to Queen Elizabeth, was married to Helen Jeanty, 52, a professed non-Christian. She said, "I refuse to be called Christian." The marriage ceremony eliminated the customary Church of England ritual... Gloria Jones, of Newark, N. J., an 18-year-old blind girl, has been elected to the National Honor Society for outstanding students...Senator Theodore F. Green, Dem. of R. I., became the oldest person ever to serve in the U. S. Congress--he was 89...University of Michigan researchers asserted that they had developed an electric computer that automatically translates Russian scientific papers into English...A car theft ring that took orders for specific models--and then went out and stole them--has been broken up, according to N. Y. police...Dental drills that operate at 45,000 revolutions per minute were introduced to dentists at a Dental Meeting in New York City. The new drills operate on ultrasonic and turbojet principles...The Chicago City Council adopted an ordinance prohibiting the drinking from or carrying of open liquor bottles in cars...Margaret Sullavan, whose disappearance last month forced cancellation of a TV drama, has since been a patient at a rest home in Stockbridge, Mass...Elvis Presley-style hair cuts were banned by the Portland, Conn., Board of Education, along with dungarees, cowboy boots and leather jackets. The step was taken at the suggestion of parents who felt that if students "dressed properly they would act properly."...Dr. John D. Hullinger, of Clinton, Iowa, who is 96 years old and is said to be the oldest practicing physician, applied and received a new drivers' license.









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